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Dear Aesculapian Medical Society Members, SNMA and Friends:

The Aesculapian Medical Society held their first meeting of the 2009-2010 academic year last night (Tuesday, September 1) at the Ruth Chris Steakhouse located at 96th Street and Keystone Avenue. The food was excellent as always and the company was even better.

The room was packed with Aesculapian Medical Society members, SNMA medical students and IUSM Residents along with a few Pharmacists from the Indianapolis area. It was good to see everyone. The presenter was one of the Aesculapian Medical Society's own, Dr. Ernest Asamoah. Dr. Asamoah (<http://www.ecommunity.com/physicians/mdprofile.aspx?phyID=221648>) gave an energetic, entertaining and extremely knowledgeable 30-minute presentation on diabetes management.

Dr. Desadier (President of AMS) began the meeting by asking everyone to introduce themselves so that the new folks could be acknowledged. He called a few to make brief presentations.

Dr. George Rausch (Associate Dean for Diversity at IUSM) briefly spoke on some of his ideas to involve the Aesculapian Medical Society. Some of his ideas involved creating pipelines, establishing a 6-8 week IUSM Pre-matriculation program and establishing programming to bring 5th, 6th and 7th grade students to the medical school involving these students, IUSM faculty and Aesculapian Medical Society members in speaking to them about medicine. The elementary school students will be involved in dissecting sheep brains and other activities promoting medicine as a potential career. Dr. Rausch promises more to come, but did warn that not too much too quickly as he has a whole lot of ideas.

SNMA reported on their upcoming Region V SNMA Conference to be held at the IUPUI University Place Hotel on October 16-18, 2009. The theme will be "Racing for Better health: The Role of Interdisciplinary Care & Preventive Medicine in healthcare". SNMA thanked the Aesculapian Medical Society for their past financial support and encouraged their continued financial support by sponsoring the Region V SNMA Conference. SNMA also invited Aesculapian Medical Society members to be potential speakers at the conference on topics of their choosing or on topics to be further determined as planning continues for the conference. Information was distributed to members (see attached). Anyone interested in sponsoring the conference, either individually or as a corporate contributor, can contact Danika Alexander (information on the attachments).

Nationally, SNMA will be conducting a "March for Health Equity" from Selma to Montgomery, AL. For more information, please click on <http://www.snma-advocacy.com/MHE.html>. The local chapter will be sending a contingent of SNMA members for the weekend event beginning September 4-7, 2009. If anyone is interested in sponsoring this event, please see the link for

additional information.

Dr. Desadier reminded the membership to keep October 2nd on their calendars free to include the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus' annual conference preceding the Circle City Classic. The speaker will likely be someone in the health care field speaking on health care access or a related topic. He will send out additional information as it becomes available.

Dr. Virginia Caine reminded folks to keep in mind that at the next Aesculapian Medical Society Meeting on Tuesday, October 6th (location to be determined), Dr. Lisa Harris will be talking to the membership on why a new Wishard Hospital is important for the community and why they need the Society's support for the new hospital. Every vote counts. Additionally, she wanted to mention the Minority Health Coalition's annual conference in November. She, too, will keep the membership informed of the details as they become available.

Until next time.

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