"BIBLIOPHILIA & MEDICAL HISTORY" THEME FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 19TH AT THE NASSAU CLUB OF PRINCETON

"Bibliophilia & Medical History" is the theme of the MHSNJ's 1992 annual meeting to be held May 19th at The Nassau Club of Princeton. A brief business meeting and election of officers will take place at 4 PM. Three papers and two informal talks on collecting medical books will precede dinner.

The meeting will conclude with the thirteenth annual Saffron Lecture delivered this year by W. Bruce Fye, cardiologist, historian, and bookseller of Wisconsin. Dr. Fye will discuss "Medical Book Collecting and Scholarship: Past, Present, and Future." Dr. Fye is chairman of the Cardiology Department at the Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, Wisconsin; a Governor of the American College of Cardiology, and President of the Wisconsin ACC Chapter. He has written a book on the history of American physiology and over a hundred articles related to cardiology and the history of medicine.

Three papers to be presented are:

"Bibliophilia or Bibliomania: A Case Study"
Francis P. Chinard, MD; UMDNJ - NJMS

"A Quiet Lover of Books: Dr. Samuel Lewis of Philadelphia and His Library"
Thomas A. Horrocks, MA, MS, MLS
College of Physicians of Philadelphia

"Enough Responsibilities for All: Collectors, Book Dealers, and Librarians"
Estelle Brodman, PhD; Washington Univ. School of Medicine

Informal talks will be presented by two collectors:

"Experiences of a Book Collector & Surgical Historian"
Ira Rutkow, MD, MPH, DrPH; The Hernia Center and UMDNJ

"An Historic Find: Charcot's Gift to Lancereaux"
Richard P. Wedeen, MD; VA Medical Center and UMDNJ

Each person attending the meeting will receive a packet of materials including the medical history issue of AB Bookman's Weekly donated by Jacob Chernofsky, editor-in-chief, and directories of antiquarian booksellers.
Members, book collectors, booksellers, students and friends are welcome to attend the special dinner program. The cost of registration and dinner is $25. For information and registration please contact Lisa Swartek, MHSNJ, Two Princess Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, (609) 896-1717.

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SLATE OF OFFICERS ANNOUNCED FOR 1992 - 1994

Vincent Cirillo, nominating committee chair, announced the following slate of officers: President - Sandra W. Moss, MD; Vice President - William C. Campbell, PhD; and Secretary/Treasurer - Barbara S. Irwin, MLS. Elections will be held at the annual meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

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WEDEEN PAPERS DONATED TO NJ MEDICAL HISTORY MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

Richard P. Wedeen, MD, recently donated to the UMDNJ-Libraries his "working papers" documenting the research and publishing history of his book, Poison in the Pot: The Legacy of Lead (1984). The collection consists of page proofs, notes, and correspondence about the book as well as ephemera, book reviews, and original photographs for the text illustration. In addition to the papers, Dr. Wedeen's gift includes six original nineteenth century caricatures depicting manifestations of gout.

The papers are housed in the Department of Special Collections and Archives, UMDNJ-George F. Smith Library of the Health Sciences on the Newark campus. The department is actively seeking to acquire appropriate manuscript collections to augment its Faculty Collections and New Jersey Medical History Manuscript Collections. Manuscripts are significant "private papers" created or collected by an individual that include but are not limited to correspondence, minutes, diaries, research notes, and ledger books. In addition to manuscripts, the department is interested in acquiring historic photographs and postcards, organizational records, and ephemera documenting New Jersey medical history.

For further information contact Lois R. Densky-Wolff, Archivist, at (201) 504-7830.

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ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert L. Thompson, EdD, is serving as historical writer and editor of a special centennial issue of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons Journal. The issue will commemorate the beginning of the teaching of osteopathy as a healing art at the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville,
Missouri, in October 1892.

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The picture of health: images of medicine and pharmacy from the William H. Helfand Collection with commentaries by Dr. Helfand and others has been published in stiff paper by The Philadelphia Museum of Art and in hard cover by the University of Pennsylvania Press. The collection -- some 200 posters, caricatures and ephemera -- Dr. Helfand's gift to the Museum, was on exhibit at the Museum from September 15 to December 1, 1991.

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Felix H. Vann, MD, presented a paper titled, "Alternative Methods of Conception," at a meeting of the Genealogy Club of the New Jersey Historical Society. Dr. Vann states: "I started with the 'Immaculate Conception' and came forward to in vitro fertilization, embryo transfer...and biological wizardry. All this, of course, complicates genealogical research when one is trying to locate 'natural' parents." Dr. Vann, retired obstetrician/gynecologist, is moving to a retirement community in Durham, NC.

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Morris H. Saffron, MD, was honored at the UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School's 25th anniversary reception and dinner on February 27. He and other honorees were faculty members in the formative years of the school. Dr. Saffron, UMDNJ-Professor Emeritus of Medical History, recently celebrated his 87th birthday.

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Sandra Moss, MD, regularly contributes historical vignettes to the journal Seminars in Dialysis. Each vignette is drawn from the literature of clinical nephrology and dialysis.

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Richard P. Wedeen, MD, and Helen Sheehan, PhD, were awarded a $4,000 grant by the New Jersey Historical Commission for their project, "Demographic Study of the New Jersey Home for Disabled Soldiers, 1866-1976."

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"Ups and Downs of Victorian Medicine" was the title of a talk presented by William C. Campbell, PhD, in December at the Clinton Historical Museum.

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Authors and editors will find the National Library of Medicine's Recommended Formats for Bibliographic Citation (1991) by Karen Patrias a useful resource when compiling references for publications. The types of materials included were selected with the assistance of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors. The style manual can be ordered by phone from NTIS, (703) 487-4650 for $27 plus $3 handling. Rush orders are available with a 24-hour turn-around time for an additional charge of $12; call 1-800-553-NTIS. Document number: PB91-182030.

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Peter Guthorn, MD, first MHSNJ President, has moved from New Jersey to 514 N. Lakeside Drive, Lake Worth, Florida 55430.

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Seventeen new members joined MHSNJ in 1991:

Bruce Ramer
Randall Krakauer, MD
Lisa Rosner, PhD
James Tyler, MD
George Kozam, DDS, PhD
Betsy O'Connor, MA
John Madara, MD

Marco Pelosi, MD
Rudolph Talarico, MD
John Querques
Julius Mintz, MD
Donald Light, PhD
John Colaizzi, PhD
Arthur DeSimone, MD
Jeffrey Perricci

Robert Knuppel, MD

Five new members have been added thus far in 1992. They are:

Joan Muller
Craig Curry

Alvan Hassankhani
Joseph Reichman, MD

Lois Densky-Wolff, MALS

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Among the works on medicine, natural history, science and technology to be offered at auction by Swann Galleries in New York City on May 14 are books by Galen, Bidloo, and Vesalius. For a catalogue of the sale, phone the gallery at (212) 254-4710. The Swann sales are the only auctions of old and rare medical books in the U.S.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE EFFORTS CONTINUE

Members are urged to introduce a friend or colleague to the MHSNJ by passing along the membership brochure enclosed with the newsletter.

A reminder: Life Membership in the Society is a new option available for $250.

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MHSNJ MEMBERS FEATURED IN EXHIBIT ON COLLECTIONS

A mannequin-like wood and rubber model of a woman used by French medical students in the late 1880’s to learn birthing techniques is one of several unique items on display at the UMDNJ-Smith Library in Newark. Called the Budin-Pinard Obstetrical Teaching Phantom, the model is one of several rare artifacts included in an exhibit titled "Collectors & Their Collections." The exhibit is on display through September in the lobby of the library located on the Newark campus of UMDNJ, New Jersey’s university of the health sciences.

Marco A. Pelosi, MD, owner of the phantom model, is one of ten members of UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School faculty or Smith Library staff who have lent unusual collectibles for the exhibit.
Other MHSNJ members whose collections are in the exhibit are Christine Haycock, MD; Francis P. Chinard, MD; George Hill, MD; Richard Wedeen, MD; Lois Densky-Wolff, MALS; and Victor Basile, MLS.

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MEMBER PUBLICATIONS IN THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE


Haycock, CH. The first female physician of New Jersey. NJ Med 1992 Apr; 89. Forthcoming.


When Osteopathy Was Born. Hawkeye Osteo J. Forthcoming.


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