

Virtual 2023 Summer CME Seminar



Back to School

Douglas C. Nolan, DO, FACOFP, chair

Join the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association August 11-13, for the 2023 Virtual Summer CME Seminar "Back to School". The seminar will be a live, virtual program presented through Zoom and will offer 17 AOA Category 1-A CME credit hours. Program Chair Douglas Nolan, DO, is planning a great program with insightful topics and engaging speakers, such as:

- Common Foot and Ankle Problems in Primary Care, presented by Josh Priddle, DO
- Common Eye Disorders for the Primary Care Physician, presented by Richard Castillo, DO
- Practical OMM for the Office, presented by Julie Dionne, DO
- OSBOE-Approved Proper Prescribing, Risk Management, and an OOA Advocacy Update focusing on the state-wide health information exchange

You won't want to miss it! You can learn more about the program and register at www.okosteo.org.

DR. BUSHMAN AND DR. REIMER Attend House of Delegates Meeting



Two Enid physicians recently represented Oklahoma at the American Osteopathic Association's House of Delegates meetings in Chicago July 21-23rd.

Dr. Jonathan Bushman and Dr. Kalli Reimer joined more than 500 DOs, from all 50 states, at the annual meeting. An illness in the family prevented Dr. Rebecca Lewis from also being able to attend. Almost two dozen representatives from Oklahoma made the trip.

The AOA annual business meeting includes house discussion and approval of resolutions. Those resolutions serve as the guidelines for advocacy and official positions of the osteopathic profession and its members. The FAIR Act, postgraduate training opportunities, and violent acts in healthcare were just a few of the issues discussed.

"Besides conducting the business of the AOA, it is imperative that we have

a unified stance on our



approach to policymakers in Washington," Dr. Bushman said. "The HOD allows us to gather our delegates from around the country, allow input and discussion, and ultimately stand united in our message to Congress."

Dr. Bushman went on to say, "The HOD has served as a critical part of the development and advancement of osteopathic medicine as a whole. They represent all DOs from the United States and abroad. The initiatives created at the HOD level have served to lead our profession to the heights we have achieved."

For first-time attendee, Dr. Reimer, the experience



was educational. "It was interesting to learn more about the process and the issues that impact us all as physicians. I hope I will be able to advocate more at this level in the future," she said.

Dr. Reimer also enjoyed networking with others in the profession, and said, "I felt my time in Chicago was well spent, in part, because it also gave me the opportunity to visit with some of the other delegates and to get to know them better."

More information about the AOA House of Delegates can be found at www.osteopathic.org.

Oklahoma Physician Forms Scrubs Company

Blake Parsons, DO, Vascular & Interventional Radiologist and his wife Nani Parsons, Physician Assistant, recently decided to develop their own scrubs company. The decision came after a social media post from a competitor company was published demoralizing osteopathic physicians.

The company is named Stitches. According to the company's website, Stitches is based on affordable, luxury scrubs for all healthcare workers. A portion of all proceeds go to aiding in the education of future healthcare workers.

The Foundation is working with Stitches to provide scrubs for first-year osteopathic medical students from NW Oklahoma. You can find out more about Stitches by going to: www.stitchesscrubs.com.

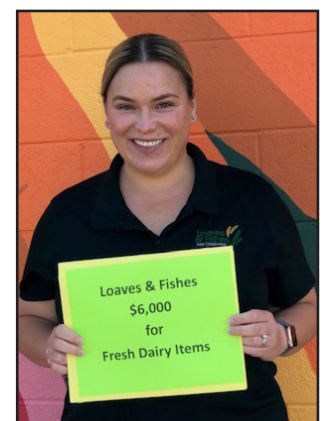


Community Grant Recipients

The Northwest Oklahoma Osteopathic Foundation is pleased to announce this year's community grant recipients.

- The YWCA received \$260 to purchase a projector in support of its Project Cinderella program.
- RSVP received \$5,000 for needs identified by the Elder Abuse Task Force.
- The United Way received \$2,500 for the Kingfisher Dental Day.
- Hope Outreach received \$4,000 for the Earn While You Learn program.
- Loaves and Fishes received \$6,000 to help purchase fresh dairy products each month.
- Hedges Speech and Hearing received \$4,620 for its Speech Pathology program.
- Youth and Family Services received \$2,439 to purchase hygiene products for participants in the drug court program.

The Foundation has contributed more than \$800,000 in community grants and scholarships since its inception.



DID YOU KNOW?

In U.S. News & World Report's most recent annual medical school rankings, the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine came in at No. 1 in percentage of graduates practicing medicine in what are deemed "Health Professional Shortage Areas." Around 50% of the local medical school's graduates practice in HPSAs, defined as areas or population groups, both rural and urban, that are experiencing a scarcity of health professionals.

The school also scored high in graduates practicing in rural areas, where it ranked No. 10.

OOA Issues Statement Regarding HIE

The Oklahoma Osteopathic Association is committed to keeping members informed regarding the implementation of the State Health Information Exchange (HIE) and have submitted the following official public comment on the new rules the Oklahoma Health Care Authority has announced since the disapproval of their first rules by the Governor:

"On behalf of our physician members, the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association appreciates the efforts of the OHCA administration and staff in crafting these proposed rules. We echo the concerns voiced by Governor Kevin Stitt regarding

the security of patients' data stored in a centralized database and controlled by a private corporation. The proposed rules do not alter that situation. These proposed rules also fail to address the Governor's stated concern that the opt-out provision in the mandate, which is based in statute, places too much of a burden on patients. The Governor said he believes the previous proposed rules were likely unconstitutional: until the underlying question of the HIE statute's constitutionality, which mandates the participation of all providers, has been addressed, we believe that rulemaking is premature and implementation of the HIE should be halted in the interest of



Oklahoma's patients and the physicians and healthcare workers who provide their care."

Enid Charity Ball TO BE HELD AUGUST 19TH

Less than 40 tickets remain for this year's Enid Charity Ball. The event will take place August 19th at Oakwood Country Club. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails followed by dinner and dancing, with live music by the Stars. A live auction featuring travel packages, sports experiences, and a host of other popular items, is a highlight of the evening. This year's décor theme will be tropical. In keeping with that theme, guests may purchase a Bom-

bay Orchid lei.

Enid Charity Ball is also raffling off a trip for two to Los Cabos, Mexico. The trip includes four nights at the Hyatt Ziva, all food, drinks, gratuities and taxes, in addition to concierge services (airfare and transportation not included). Only 200 tickets will be sold.

Stride Bank and Jiffy Trip are Title Sponsors of this year's Charity Ball



Use the above QR Code to purchase event tickets, raffle tickets and leis.

and event proceeds benefit Great Salt Plains Health.

2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 11-13

OOA Summer CME – Registration is open at www.okosteo.org

AUG 19

Enid Charity Ball at Oakwood Country Club

SEPT 26

NWDOS –Program: Courtney Dennis, Executive Director YWCA
Recognizing Signs of Domestic Abuse

OCT 6-8

OMED in Orlando, Florida – Registration is open at <https://osteopathic.org>

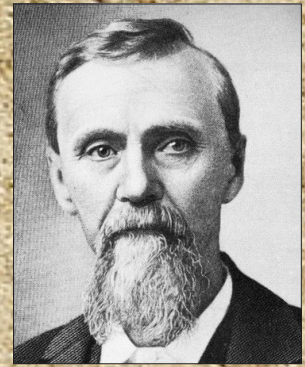
NOV 28

NWDOS –Program: Chip Baker, Bennie's Barn

DEC 7

Holiday Event at Gaslight Theater
"A Christmas Story"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



A.T. Still
Founder of Osteopathic
Medicine

The founder of osteopathic medicine, A.T. Still, was born 195 years ago on August 6th. Here are some things you might not know about this medical pioneer. (source: A.T. Still University website)

- He was born in a log cabin in Virginia and had eight siblings.
- His father was a physician and a circuit-riding preacher whose anti-slavery sermons were not always well received.
- He served in the Kansas legislature as a fierce abolitionist representing Douglas and Johnson counties in 1857.
- He served as a hospital steward during the Civil War.
- Tragedy struck in 1864 when three of his children died from a meningitis outbreak. A month later his wife died of pneumonia. His inability to save his family, coupled with his grim experiences as a Civil War doctor, led Still to reject most of what he had learned about medicine and search for new and better methods.
- His new techniques were denounced by his church and created embarrassment for his siblings.
- As his methods proved more and more successful, he found he had more patients than he could handle.
- Still trained his children and a few others to assist him in his practice and opened The American School of Osteopathy (ASO) in Kirksville, MO in 1892.
- Women were welcomed into osteopathy. The school's first graduating class had six women and 15 men.
- So many patients flocked to Missouri for treatment, the Wabash Railroad had to increase the number of passenger trains to Kirksville.
- He was also an inventor. In the 1870s, he had patented an improved butter churn, a patient table brace and a smokeless furnace burner.

FOUNDATION PARTNERING WITH OOA To Present Stethoscopes

The Northwest Oklahoma Osteopathic Foundation has partnered with the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association and the Oklahoma Educational Foundation for Osteopathic Medicine to provide stethoscopes for incoming medical students at Oklahoma State University's College of Medicine. The stethoscopes will be presented at a special event August 8th. The event will be held on the Tulsa campus and the Tahlequah campus simultaneously. Students from NW Oklahoma will each receive a personalized set of scrubs and a monetary gift from the Foundation.

