

Cayman Pharmacists' Association



National Report 2010-2011

1.0 CAYMAN PHARMACISTS' ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE



Front Row: R. Williams, B. Manderson, F. Patterson Campbell
Back Row: M. Anderson, R. Oates, C. Morrison

In February 2011 a new executive was selected for the Cayman Pharmacists' Association. The selection was done after three years of dedicated service of the immediate Past President Miss Samantha Conolly.

The selection was as follows:-

- Chairman - Courtney Morrison
- Vice-Chairman - Michael Anderson
- Treasurer - Ron Oates
- Secretary - Frances Patterson Campbell
- Public Relations Officer - Romone Williams
- Public Relations officer - Beverley Manderson
- Immediate Past President of the Association: Samantha Conolly

The Cayman Pharmacists' Association has twenty paid up members of the forty five registered pharmacists on the islands. The annual membership fee is Twenty Five Cayman Islands Dollars (KYD\$25.00).

2.0 CONTINUED EDUCATION SESSIONS

There have been CE sessions organized by the association with presentations done by specialist medical doctors, pharmacists and other allied health workers over the period August 2010 to July 2011.

One major achievement realized was the training of approximately twenty pharmacists as Basic Diabetic Educators by Nurse Andrea Hunt, a Certified Diabetes Educator, in January of this year. The participants now have to complete two hundred and fifty contact hours and sit an examination to become Certified Diabetes Educators. This session was sponsored by Merck Sharp & Dohme who contributed additionally by doing a presentation on Januvia®.

The association has also had three Sunday CE sessions since August 2010, the first in September 2010 and the subsequent two in 2011, the second being in April, sponsored by Boehringer Ingleheim and the third in July respectively.

Besides Continued Education sessions initiated by CPA pharmacists have available to them live Continued Education sessions put on by the Pharmaceutical Companies who send representatives to the Cayman Islands, the Cayman Islands Medical and Dental Association as well as the Cayman Islands Nurses' Association. Notices advising of CEs are usually forwarded to the CPA for circulation to all the pharmacists on island via e-mail.

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3.0 GOVERNMENT LOBBYING

The CPA earlier this year had planned to lobby the Minister of Health to make a change to a controversial piece of gazetted legislation regarding the requirement of batch numbers and expiry dates on prescription labels. However before the lobby was actually done the Health Practice Commission under the advice of the Cayman Pharmacy Council decided to review the matter and it was eventually resolved.

4.0 CPA ACTIVITIES

The activities which the CPA has already undertaken include the initiation of its email address: cpa2011@yahoo.com which now serves as the main means of communication between the CPA executive and the pharmacists on island. Furthermore there was the setting up of different sub-committee heads to serve the areas of education, community outreach, professional development, fund raising and social activities.

There has also been the launch of the CPA's Newsletter; this is slated to be published on a quarterly basis. Two issues have already been published one in March and the other in July. The next issue is scheduled to be published in September 2011.

There are plans afoot to have a Cayman Pharmacy week next year in conjunction with celebrating 30 years of the existence of the Cayman Pharmacists' Association.

Public education activities and outreaches are also being planned to run through to next year, the first one being a visit to the Pines Retirement Home.

The Cayman Pharmacist's Association will strive to aid CAP in the execution of their mission which is to improve the health and wellbeing of people.

5.0 ORGANIZATIONS IMPACTING THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY

In the Cayman Islands different organizations impact the practice of pharmacy on the islands. The degree of impact ranges from minimally as with the Cayman Islands Nurses' Association to greatly as with the Health Practice Commission. There has been the recent appointment of a Health Facilities Inspector, who has the responsibility for inspecting facilities including physicians' clinics, pharmacies and beauty salons.

Other organizations that impact the practice of pharmacy include the Cayman Islands Medical and Dental Association, various pharmaceutical distributors, the Pharmacy Council, the Health Insurance Commission and the Health Practice Commission.

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6.0 CAP ASSISTANCE FOR CPA

CAP through its vast knowledge, expertise and networking capabilities can help in the development of Cayman pharmacists by empowering them, thus enabling them to achieve maximum potential in bettering the pharmacy profession locally and regionally. Furthermore CAP can continue to provide exposure for the works being undertaken by the Cayman Pharmacists' Association.

7.0 CAP ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS

CPA members have been kept abreast of all the CAP activities and functions over the period; however the participation by Cayman pharmacists has been limited to Mr. Pellow. This may be due to the lack of flexibility available to pharmacist as well as some members have voiced that the costs are sometimes prohibitive.

8.0 CPA GOALS

We endeavor to educate the community through outreach programmes. These programmes will see pharmacists going into schools to educate the youth of the importance of the pharmacy profession in the society, as well as promoting the profession to these students. This will ultimately lead to advancement of the pharmacy profession in the Cayman Islands with an elevated role within the community.

Additionally we would like to collaborate with other local associations such as the Cancer Society, The Diabetes Association as well as Cayman Heart Fund..

9.0 ACHIEVEMENTS

- Miss Keisha Stephenson graduated from the Ohio State University with a Doctoral Degree in Pharmacy.
- Mrs. Elizabeth Fraser-Hay the birth of her daughter.

10.0 NEW TO CAYMAN ISLANDS

- Julene Green-Parkinson locum at HealthCare Pharmacy
- Khimanie Blackwood at Health Services Authority