

# Piedmont Orthopaedic Meeting Update

The 2013 Piedmont Meeting took place at the Cloister in Sea Island Georgia. There was an impressive attendance, which included current and former faculty as well as former residents. Current residents who attended the meeting included Dr Jordan Schaeffer, recipient of the John M Harrelson chief resident teaching award, Drs Philip Horne and Jason Jennings, recipients of the Ralph Coonrad pediatric orthopaedics traveling fellowships, and Dr Elizabeth Hubbard, recipient of the William S Ogden Jr junior resident award.

The morning sessions during the meeting were composed largely of presentations encompassing a broad range of orthopaedic topics. However, the true highlight of the meeting was the tribute to Dr William Hardaker for his years of dedication to Duke Orthopaedics. Dr Hardaker was introduced by Dr Mack Aldridge, who in addition to presenting both a wonderful talk and a short movie detailing Dr Hardaker's life and career, was also able to demonstrate uncanny impersonations of Dr Hardaker's walk and other mannerisms. In true Dr Hardaker fashion, rather than standing up to discuss his own remarkable accomplishments and unparalleled work ethic, he chose instead to honor the men who he considers most shaped his career and approach to surgery, patient care and resident teaching. These four giants of orthopaedics included Drs J Leonard Goldner, Ralph Coonrad, William Ogden and James Urbaniak. It was an honor to hear Dr Hardaker, who has given so much of his time, love and energy to the Duke Orthopaedic residency program, pay tribute to these men. Dr Hardaker then went on to discuss the core values that shape a successful residency program—passion, work ethic and a commitment to teamwork. There is no better example of these core values than Dr Hardaker himself and it is his continued passion, work ethic and commitment to the Duke orthopaedic team that has shaped our residency program. In an attempt to thank Dr Hardaker for everything that he has done for Duke Orthopaedics, Drs Michael and Keith Berend spearheaded the creation of The Hardaker Fund, which will be used to help further Duke resident involvement in the Piedmont Orthopedic Society.

Afternoons and evenings were filled with a number of extracurricular activities. Although there was steady rain throughout the meeting, this did not put a damper on most of the events. The annual golf tournament and poker tournament both went off without a hitch. The black tie dinner Saturday night concluded the meeting and was also the time to announce a number of awards, including the notorious Kelley award, which was given to Dr Grant Garrigues.

While it is hard to top Sea Island, the 2014 Piedmont meeting is shaping up to be an incredible experience for the Duke Orthopaedic family as members will travel to and around Greece from June 15 to 21.



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