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2016 Membership Drive Underway

Join or Rejoin Today!

We're more than a month into 2016, and the DUCCS membership drive for the year is well underway. If you have never joined DUCCS, or if you have let your membership lapse, please consider joining us this year. The network of former Duke fellows in DUCCS includes rising stars and leaders in the field.

Your membership gives you access to a host of resources, from participation in clinical trials to opportunities to return to Duke as a DUCCS Visiting Professor. In addition, membership dues go toward programs that support the current generation of cardiology fellows, such as networking with recent graduates and seasoned DUCCS members.

To become a DUCCS member, please send a check for \$300 (three-year membership) or \$100 (one-year membership) to:

Megan Honig, DUCCS Administrative Office

2400 Pratt Street, Rm. 311, Terrace Level, Durham NC 27705

Please make checks out to **Duke University** and indicate **DUCCS Educational Fund, 392-9010**, in the memo field.

What DUCCS Has Meant to Me

By Doug Schocken, DUCCS Faculty Liaison

I am that odd DUCC. I don't fly like one or quack like one. Like the swallows to San Juan Capistrano, I have now returned to Duke not once but twice in my peripatetic life. My career would have been a much less fulfilling enterprise were it not for DUCCS. Fifty years ago I came to



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Duke. I finished my fellowship in 1981. Positions were available at Duke and elsewhere, from Boston to UCLA. I wanted to go to a young city with a young medical school, a warm climate and the sea. Tampa was my choice. My first years there were marked by "Duke Withdrawal Syndrome." In 1986, however, I began a sequence of return visits and communication with Galen Wagner and Chris O'Connor and others as DUCCS took off. At the same time, I was advancing up the academic ladder in Tampa and eager to network with



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colleagues around the country. DUCCS was a great tool to create those connections. When I became acting Division Chief at U.S.F. in 1989, DUCCS was a logical platform for me to also help my colleagues at U.S.F. grow their careers. That was a wonderful time for me and for DUCCS, with many warm associations around the country that have lasted to this day. I was fortunate to be President of DUCCS from 1997-1999. DUCCS has gone through multiple iterations of organization and leadership. It has remained unique in many ways, mostly as an embodiment of Dr. Stead's pursuit of a "university without walls."

I have been back in Durham on the faculty for nearly eight years. I am indebted to Chris O'Connor for giving me many opportunities to work with DUCCS and for recruiting me back to Duke. I am honored to work now with Rob Mentz, Joe Rogers, Megan Honig and Galen Wagner as DUCCS becomes that academic and social "Transformer," a protean creature presenting many opportunities for engagement with the far-ranging Duke Cardiology family. These are challenging times for all of us in medicine, especially academic medicine. The time is right, however, to take advantage of the unique character of Duke and DUCCS for true life-long learning. The best days do lie ahead.

Save the Date

DUCCS Dinner at ACC Chicago, Saturday, April 2, 2016



Chicago at sunrise as seen from Adler Planetarium

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Will you be attending the American College of Cardiology's Scientific Session in April? Active DUCCS members and those local to the Chicago area are invited to a dinner with Duke Cardiology fellows on **Saturday, April 2, 2016.**

Our dinner at the American Heart Association conference last fall brought together DUCCS members from around the country and around the world, and seasoned members and fellows alike benefited from networking and getting to know each other.

Details will be sent closer to the date. We hope to see you there.