
SFNS NEWSLETTER

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FALL Meeting 2002

Our last meeting September 13, 2002 was a great success. We tried a new venue, the Candy Store Car Club in Burlingame. Fortunately SFNS CME Chair, Brian Andrews is a club member and could secure this interesting clubhouse for our private use. The reception and dinner were excellent and participants enjoyed touring the vintage cars and racecars on display. Allan Basbaum, M.D., Professor and Chair of the Department of Anatomy at UCSF gave a very effective lecture on "Mechanisms of Neuropathic Pain". There was a lively discussion following his talk and participating physicians will be able to claim one of the 12 CME units which are required over the next several years that specifically address issues of pain and the end of life.

AIRD Lecture 2002

Our next meeting is the Annual Aird Lecture to take place on Thursday November 14 at the St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco. The distinguished speaker is Robert C. Griggs, MD. Dr. Griggs is the Edward A. and Alma Vollertsen Rykenboer Professor in Neurophysiology as well as Chair of the Department of Neurology at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and Editor-in-Chief of *Neurology*. The title of the presentation is "*Unicorns, Polymyositis, Steroid Myopathy and Other Mythological Beasts*". A registration form and more meeting details are further on in this newsletter. This meeting is part of the UCSF Dept. of Neurology's Robert B. Aird Visiting Professorship that was established in 1972. The SFNS is grateful for this opportunity to join with UCSF faculty and residents for this special dinner meeting and we hope to see you all there!

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars!

Aird Meeting: Thursday, November 14, St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco's Marina District

Annual Meeting 2003: March 14-16 2003, Claremont Resort, Berkeley

Web Site

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THANK YOU For Your Dues!

We wish to thank the many members that renewed their 2002 dues in the past few months in response to a reminder from Secretary-Treasurer Michael McDermott, MD. The new Administrative Secretary, Joan Oefner will be sending out the 2003 statements soon. If you have not paid in 2002 another reminder will be sent. Please communicate any contact information changes to the Society office by e-mail to sfns@earthlink.net.

SAN FRANCISCO NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY AIRD DINNER MEETING

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2002

St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco

6:30 – 7:30 PM Reception

7:30 PM Dinner & Meeting

Speaker:

Robert C. Griggs, MD

Chairman, Department of Neurology, University of Rochester, NY &

Editor-in-Chief of *Neurology*:

***“Unicorns, Polymyositis, Steroid Myopathy &
Other Mythological Beasts”***

Educational Objectives:

Upon completion of this lecture participants should be able to:

1. Recognize polymyositis and other inflammatory muscle disorders.
2. Understand the indications for glucocorticoid therapy for neuromuscular disorders.
3. Understand current thinking of the pathogenesis of steroid myopathy.

Who Should Attend:

Members of the SFNS, Residents and other Physicians with an interest in the Neurosciences.

Dr. Griggs received his B.A. degree from the University of Delaware and his M.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He trained in medicine at Case Western Reserve University and then took post-doctoral fellowships at the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness and at the University of Rochester, followed by a residency in neurology at the University of Rochester. He joined the faculty at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in 1971, and in 1976 was appointed Edward A. and Alma Vollertsen Rykenboer Professor in Neurophysiology and Chair of the Department of Neurology.

Dr. Griggs is an internationally recognized authority on neuromuscular disease. His contributions are wide-ranging, and include seminal studies on the genetics of the neuromuscular channelopathies and muscular dystrophies, and investigations into the natural history, clinical features, and therapy of these disorders. Dr. Griggs is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. He has received many honors and awards for his work including the 2000 A.B. Baker Award for Excellence in Teaching presented by The American Academy of Neurology.



This is an activity offered by a CMA-accredited provider. Physicians attending this course may report up to 1 hour of Category 1 credit toward the California Medical Association Certificate in Continuing Medical Education and the American Medical Association's Physician's Recognition Award.

SFNS Registration Form & Membership Contact Information Update

AIRD MEETING

Thursday November 14, 2002

St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco, CA

First Name _____ Initial _____ Last Name _____

Degree _____ Specialty Neurology Neurosurgery Neuroradiology Neuropathology Other

Institution _____ Dept/Mailstop _____

Street Address/Suite _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

*E-mail: (VERY IMPORTANT) _____

Registration Fees (please check the appropriate boxes)

By November 2, 2002 After November 2, 2002

SFNS Members:

Dinner Meeting (1 CME Credit) \$65.00 \$75.00

Non-Members & Guests:

Dinner Meeting \$75.00 \$85.00

(1 CME Credit for physicians)

Entrée Choices: (please choose from the entrée's listed so that we can order appropriately)

Roasted Pork Loin with Sautéed Apples, Parslied Boiled Potatoes and Sweet Cabbage

Pan Fried Petrale Sole, Lemon Butter Sauce and Parsley

Name(s) of Guest(s): (please print)

Requesting CME credits for guests? Yes No

Payment Total: \$ _____

Payment Method:

Check (payable to San Francisco Neurological Society) enclosed. Receipt will be presented at the meeting.

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Registration includes: Hosted bar, hors d'oeuvres, sit-down dinner and lecture. **(1 CME credit hour)**

Register by E-mail, Fax, Mail or Telephone to the NEW SOCIETY ADMINISTRATOR as follows:

- **EMAIL** the above information to sfns@earthlink.net
- **FAX** your registration form and payment information to the SFSN Office at **650-556-1678**
- **MAIL** the registration form with a check made out to San Francisco Neurological Society, 930 Edgecliff Way, Redwood City, CA 94061-1160 (**THIS IS THE NEW SOCIETY ADDRESS**)
- **CALL** the SFNS office at 650-216-6621

The Tax ID number for the San Francisco Neurological Society is 94-6163872.

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If you need special arrangements, such as a special diet or accessibility assistance, please call 650-216-6621 or e-mail Joan Oefner at sfns@earthlink.net.

**Your e-mail address will not be given out without your consent. The Society needs to have an e-mail address on each member so that electronic newsletters, meeting announcements and other important information about the society can be distributed in the most efficient, cost effective manner.*

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