



**Update on
Past Presidents
February 2017**

Robert G. Volz, M.D.
Tucson, Arizona

1971, 1972 Vail

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Retired as Professor and Chair of Orthopedic Surgery, Arizona Health Science Center 1992!

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. 40 plus years training very bright, capable young MDs
2. Third world medical volunteer, Asia, South Africa, etc.
3. Facilitated passing of free clinic health care in Wyoming and being on Governor's Health Reform Committee

FUTURE PLANS:

Ski 'til 80+
Shoot my age (78) in golf every year

Peter V. Teal, M.D.
Billings, Montana

1973 Vail

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

I retired from my surgical orthopedic practice in 1998. For 12 years, I have worked for the Veterans Administration in an ortho outpatient clinic.

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. 1995 Volunteer work with Orthopedics Overseas in Vietnam
2. 1989 Traveled around the world visiting ortho centers
2. 2002 Crossed the Atlantic in a 51 foot sailboat

FUTURE PLANS:

Retirement in Arizona and Montana. Hobbies: woodworking, water colors, piano, golf, which I occasionally play with Bob Volz with whom I worked to start this organization.

Lynn Ketchum, M.D.
Overland Park, Kansas

1976 Snowmass

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Retired 12-31-2015 from the practice of Plastic Surgery and Hand Surgery.

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. I have been married to Carly for the last 24 years. We have seven grandchildren.
2. Trips we have taken that we rate in order of most interesting: 1) Africa, 2) Egypt, 3) Alaska, 4) Belize, 5) Easter Island.
3. A 36 year experience with dermofasciectomy and full-thickness grafts in reducing the recurrence and extension rate of Dupuytren's contracture to 9%.

Fred C. Chang, M.D.
Wichita, Kansas

1977 Park City

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

1. Retired from Clinical Practice 1996. Served as Assoc. Dean of Graduated Medical Education from 1997 to 2006. Retired for two years then served as Interim Dean at the UKSM-WICHITA for one year (what a mess). Now fully retired.

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Went with Jan to Nepal, Tibet and Bhutan in 2000 (A great adventure)
2. Death of my son Doug in 2010 (A great loss)
3. Fell while biking and broke my clavicle in Nov. 2010 (Stupidity and a lot of pain)

FUTURE PLANS:

Have not skied since 2012.....the body and especially the knees are giving out. My main outdoor activity is golf and I play on most days that end in Y. Graceful retirement without accepting any more jobs or sustaining any more fractures.

Robert C. Edmondson, M.D. **1988** **Steamboat Springs**
Woodland, California

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

I retired from the practice of medicine in February 1995 at the age of 65. I was in the Department of Hematology and Clinical Oncology of the Woodland Clinic, a group practice in Woodland, California, near Sacramento. I also was a Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of California at Davis.

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

A real highlight of my practice years was going to WTA meetings and skiing with good friends. I was humbled by the support I got for a three-year term as Treasurer, and then ascent to President. The membership was kind to me, a non-trauma surgeon!

FUTURE PLANS:

Since retirement, I had a career in choral music. I had directed a community chorus, and started going to choral workshops to polish up my directing technique. I retired from that about five years ago, although I am still associated with their Board of Directors, and singing.

Ernest E. Moore, M.D. **1989** **Snowbird**
Denver, Colorado

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Resigned as Chief of Surgery, Denver General 1976- 2012,
Continue as Trauma / Acute Care Surgeon
Editor, Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery
Vice Chairman for Surgical Research, University of Colorado Denver

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Hunter, pursuing Surgical Residency at the University of Colorado Denver and winning Earl Young Award; Peter attending in Internal Medicine at the University of California San Francisco

R. Chris Wray, M.D. **1994** **Crested Butte**
Savannah, GA
Deceased: November 18, 2013

David Kappel, M.D. **1995** **Big Sky**
Wheeling, West Virginia

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Semi-retired Reconstructive Plastic Surgeon. Still assist on occasional complex case. Active as Clinical Ethics consultant for the hospital. Deputy Medical Director for the Trauma Division of the WV State Trauma and Emergency Medical System.

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Meritorious Service Achievement Award from the COT
2. Being instrumental in the development of the WV State Trauma System
3. Grandchildren (2)
4. Vintage Hydroplanes

FUTURE PLANS:

Develop a funding bill for the state trauma system
Continue woodworking
Continue Trauma System research and mentor projects

G. Jerry Jurkovich, M.D. **1997** **Snowbird**
Seattle, Washington
Denver, Colorado
Now Sacramento, CA

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Active.
The Donnant Professor of Surgery
University of California, UC Davis Health
Vice-Chairman for Clinical Affairs
(2016--)

Past:
Chief of Surgery, Denver Health Medical Center

Professor and Vice-Chairman, Department of Surgery, U. of Colorado School of Medicine
(2012-2015)

Chief of Trauma, Harborview Medical Center, Professor of Surgery, University of Washington (1988-2012)

Chief of Trauma, University of South Alabama Medical Center, Mobile, Alabama, 1984-1988

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Being elected a Director of the American Board of Surgery.
2. Being Elected President of the AAST and the Western Surgical Association.
3. All my academic jobs and the camaraderie of trauma surgery.

FUTURE PLANS:

Enjoying my position with the great faculty at UC Davis Health System. Balancing work with family, skiing, fishing, golf, Napa wine country, California Coast, and Lake Tahoe explorations. Continue to help and enjoy our daughters as they finish graduate school and establish careers. Continue to advocate for the "Acute Care Surgery" fellowship training programs within the ABS, and make this the ideal way to become trauma and critical care certified/verified. Try to be a better teacher. Find a balance between responsibility and playful carefree fun.

James B. Benjamin, M.D.
Tucson, Arizona

1998 Lake Louise

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Retired from clinical practice 12/2015– Loving it!

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. 35th wedding anniversary trip diving in Indonesia with Laurie
2. Birth of Grandson 2014/ Granddaughter 2016
3. Both my son Sean and my daughter Erin still talk to us
4. Bike riding and yoga

Herbert J. Thomas III, M.D. **1999** **Crested Butte**
Denver, Colorado

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Full time practice, Orthopaedics, Swedish Medical Center

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Granddaughters 7 and 5-Michigan & grandson 3mo-Denver
2. Climbed Kilimanjaro (with the Moore's)
3. New home in Steamboat Springs
4. Medical Staff Leadership-President Elect

FUTURE PLANS:

Continue full time practice +/- 4 yrs; taper (? how) next +/- 2; then out :). Then lots more time in Steamboat and Michigan with grandchildren. Travel- visiting all my other retired friends

Barry C. Esrig, M.D. **2000** **Squaw Valley**
New York, New York

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Part Time Practice

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Married a fabulous woman
2. Became a chief of service
3. Sailing the Mediterranean
4. Involvement with the Western Trauma Foundation

FUTURE PLANS:

I plan to continue providing great care for my patients while working, and to leave a legacy of organization and great patient outcomes as I am slowing down. I have begun mentoring college students from my alma mater who are interested in a career in Medicine, and still enjoy interacting and teaching our residents. I am

spending more time enjoying my many interests including sailing, traveling, golf, tennis, skiing and long walks on the beach with my two best friends.....my wife and my dog.

Steven R. Shackford, M.D. **2001 Big Sky**
San Diego, California

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Continuing to work, but no more night call

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

Grandson Finian Oakes Shackford born July 1, 2014; Daughter (Katie) married (2008); son (Mike) married (2011); daughter (Maureen) married (August 2012)
Grandson Henry born February 27, 2015; Granddaughter Larkin Rose Buckley born March 17, 2016

FUTURE PLANS:

1. Backroads bike trips with my best friend Ellen
2. Run Boston 2018 (qualified Carlsbad 2017)
3. Prince Edward Island Gran Fondo August 2017

J. Scott Millikan, M.D. **2003 Snowbird**
Billings, Montana

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

I remain Dept. Chairman of CV Surgery at Billings Clinic...and am currently a member and former chairman of the Billings Clinic Board of Directors

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. My children cont. to get older... Ryan (32) lives and works Teblisi, Republic of Georgia, Amy, (29) works as a tech start-up in Bozeman, Montana; Dana, (27) works in the culinary industry in Portland, Oregon; Tyler,(11) in a fifth grader and Cory (10) in a fourth grader.
2. My wife Tamra continues be my greatest friend and companion.... She is an awesome wife and mom.

2. Everyone in my family is healthy
- 3 Also playing lead guitar for a 10 piece Classic Rock and Roll band...The Midlife Chryslers (11 years)

FUTURE PLANS:

I plan to continue being a cardiovascular surgeon. I will continue to play in my band, enjoy fishing and skiing and most of all spend time with my family.

Harvey J. Sugerman, M.D. **2004** **Steamboat Springs**
Sanibel, Florida; Park City, Utah

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Retired clinically. Editor-in-Chief *Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases (SOARD)* with a 4.1 Impact Factor (#11 of 135 Surgical Journals)

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Catching Snook, Redfish, Mackerel, Sea Trout and Bone Fish with the fly rod given to me as my Presidential Gift in 2004 at Steamboat
2. Surviving 2 bike accidents and hitting a tree at Big Sky – more support for wearing a helmet
3. Time with children and grandchildren here, there and everywhere: New York City, Los Angeles, Park City (where we bought a second house with our daughter Kathryn and her new baby) and Atlanta (where David and Ciara have adopted a baby from Tampa in June and had a new baby last January – and expecting another this May – 3 under the age of 2!); and waiting for David to get another paper on the WTA program.

FUTURE PLANS:

Continue fishing, skiing, biking, playing bridge

Scott R. Petersen, M.D.
Phoenix, Arizona

2005 Jackson Hole

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Director, Surgical Education, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Married: Judy Munz on June 11, 2013 in the BVI aboard S/V Sleepy Lady
2. Became a cross-country skiing enthusiast (in addition to downhill)
3. Retired as Trauma Director after 25 years and stopped taking trauma call (No longer sleep deprived.)

FUTURE PLANS:

Raft the Colorado River in 2017, spend more time in our pied-à-terre in Brooklyn and nurture our surgical residency program until 2018.

Harold F. Sherman, M.D.
Lee, Massachusetts

2006 Big Sky

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Retired

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

Returning to MA, having my little lake house rebuilt, and becoming more active in my community.

Marrying Denice, a wonderful woman.

Establishing meaningful new friendships while maintaining some old friendships and having time for travel and things for which I never had time before.

FUTURE PLANS:

1. Keep on keeping on: more travel, visits and local exploration
2. Continue enhancements to daily and long term life
3. More life sharing with Denice

Frederick A. Moore, M.D.
Gainesville, Florida

2007 Steamboat Springs

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Head of Acute Care Surgery at University of Florida

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Moving to the University of Florida in Gainesville
2. Trip to far east (Thailand, Singapore and Manila) with my daughter
3. Raft trip with my son, family and friends down the Grand Canyon

FUTURE PLANS:

Built Acute Care Surgery in a major academic medical center

James W. Davis, M.D.
Fresno, California

2008 Squaw Valley

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Chief of Trauma, UCSF/Fresno;
The Steven N Parks Endowed Chair of Surgery, UCSF Fresno

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Continued growth and development of the department of surgery
2. Celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary 2/01/17
3. Endowing a Trauma Chair for UCSF/Fresno

FUTURE PLANS:

1. More time off with family
2. Travel

Grace S. Rozycki, M.D., MBA
Atlanta, Georgia

2009 Crested Butte

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Enjoying my position as the Willis D. Gatch Professor of Surgery, Associate Chair for the Department, and Chief of Surgery at Methodist Hospital. My clinical work (Trauma and Surgical Critical Care) is at Methodist Hospital, one of three ACS Level I Trauma Centers on the Indiana University campus

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Getting elected President of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma and President of Southeastern Surgical Congress
2. Being the recipient of the “2011 Raising Our Voices – Women Leaders in Medicine Award” by the American Medical Student Association
3. Receiving the American Medical Association Women Physicians Section Inspirational Physician Award.

FUTURE PLANS:

Transitioning my career toward semi-retirement

Robert C. Mackersie, M.D. **2010** **Telluride**
San Francisco, California

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Active practice – General Surgery, Trauma, Critical Care

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Remaining healthy, gainfully employed, & married to the love of my life.
2. Becoming President of the AAST
3. Making slow progress (I think) in the trauma system for the State of California

FUTURE PLANS:

1. Continue full-time active practice/teaching for at least another 3-5 years
2. Configure a graceful ‘transition’ to part-time clinical practice with other activities after this
3. Travel more for fun and less for work

M. Gage Ochsner, M.D.
Savannah, GA
Deceased: April 26, 2013

2011 Big Sky

R Lawrence Reed, II, M.D.
Indianapolis, Indiana

2012 Vail

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Active practice – General Surgery, Trauma, Critical Care. Transitioning from heavy to light call schedule, but picking up a lot of the abdominal wall reconstruction work, getting referrals from all over the state.

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Watching the family grow: now our 5 children, 2 daughters-in-law, one son-in-law, and three precious grandchildren, now 1, 4, and 5 years old.
2. Starting to see light at the end of the tunnel as the educational achievements of our children are winding down. (Zach's MD will be the last degree of the group; he's in his second year at Louisville). This effort by the 5 kids will have produced 5 Bachelor's degrees, 4 Master's degrees, and 3 Doctoral degrees (a PhD, a JD, and an MD).
3. Moved into our new penthouse condo in downtown Indianapolis

FUTURE PLANS:

1. Developing a strategy for what to do in retirement, likely after #2 above is completed.
2. Learn how to take vacations, which will probably be simultaneous with and equivalent to #1 immediately above.

Mark T. Metzdorff, M.D.
Camp Sherman, OR

2013 Snowmass

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Technically "retired" from clinical practice, but maintaining Active membership in WTA

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Retired from clinical practice after a most interesting and satisfying 28 year career as a thoracic surgeon

2. Returned to our "home waters" in Central Oregon
3. Humbly accepted the honor of continuing to serve the WTA as its third Historian, through the 50th Anniversary Year in 2020

FUTURE PLANS:

1. Fish old and new haunts in the Pacific NW
2. Travel with my life partner and best friend Marie-Louise
3. Work on protecting Pacific Northwest waters as a River Steward with the Native Fish Society
4. Royally entertain any and all WTA friends who care to stop in for a visit
5. Be entertained by all the WTA friends we plan to visit

David H. Livingston, MD
Newark, New Jersey

2014 Steamboat

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Active practice –Trauma, Critical Care and General Surgery,

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Debbie and I rebuilding our dream shore house after Hurricane Sandy and hosting many WTA get togethers
2. Watching Jason and Andrew follow their passions and develop really interesting and totally different careers
3. Mission work around the world

FUTURE PLANS:

1. More travel and mission work
2. Develop and build the Rutgers Institute of Trauma and Critical Illness
3. More time with WTA friends
4. Winning one more season of basketball!

Christine S. Cocanour, MD
Sacramento, California

2015 Telluride

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Active practice –Trauma, Critical Care and General Surgery
Program Director, Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, UC Davis Medical Center

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Skiing with WTA friends even when not at WTA!
2. Cooking for friends, hiking and spending time with my furry kids
3. Enjoying work at UC Davis

FUTURE PLANS:

1. Continue to hike on a regular basis with at least one international hike per year
2. Continuing to improve ICU care at UC Davis
3. Increase Quality and Safety involvement

Thomas M. Scalea, MD
Baltimore, Maryland

2016 Squaw Valley, California

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

I remain in active clinical practice and actually am the busiest General Surgeon on campus, at least in term of volume of operative cases

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

Since being president of the WTA, I have been named Executive Director of the Pan American Trauma Society, I celebrated my 20 year anniversary at Shock Trauma and my 65th birthday.

FUTURE PLANS:

My plans for the future are to take it one day at the time, work as long as I am healthy and ski at Snowbird.