

All Proceeds of Foot Levelers Seminar Series Will Go to HCFA Lawsuit and Chiropractic Colleges

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To help fund the ACA's legal action against the Health Care Financing Administration, Foot Levelers has organized and will sponsor a series of license renewal programs called "Seminars in Support."

Every dollar collected from the seminar series will go back to the profession: half to the HCFA lawsuit legal action fund; the other half to the college of the attendee's choice.

"We felt that this legal effort was so important that we had to get involved and do our best to get as many chiropractors as possible involved," explained Foot Levelers President Kent Greenawalt.

Each seminar runs 12 hours and includes at least four hours of hands-on adjusting. Doctors can choose to attend seminars in five locations: Minneapolis, Chicago, Kansas City, MO, Newark and Los Angeles.

"Seminars in Support" is being co-sponsored by Northwestern College of Chiropractic; National College of Chiropractic; Cleveland Chiropractic College, Kansas City; New York Chiropractic College; and Los Angeles College of Chiropractic. The colleges are also donating their time involved with processing license renewal hours.

For more information, contact Foot Levelers at (540) 345-0008.

Life U. Delegation to Geneva for WHO Assembly

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that there are currently four million deaths a year attributed to tobacco use, and expects that figure to rise close to 10 million by 2030. If those figures come to pass, tobacco will be the leading cause of "disease burden in the world."

The WHO notes that smoking is increasing in the developing countries, a clear indication that the health impact of smoking is not fully appreciated in most countries. To respond to those concerns, WHO Director-General Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland established the Tobacco Free Initiative (TFI) in July 1998 to coordinate a global effort to reduce smoking.

Gro Harlem Brundtland, MD, MPH, is a remarkable woman. She was prime minister of Norway for 10 years, the youngest person and the first woman to hold that office in her country; she was also minister of the environment, and spent nine of her earlier years working on children's health issues within the ministry of health.

As we go to press, the WHO is holding its World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland (May 17-26). Part of that assembly will be the Non-Governmental Organizations Forum on Health. Life

University in Marietta, Georgia is a co-sponsor of the forum, and Life's founder and president, Dr. Sid Williams, has led a delegation to Geneva. Dr. Williams will deliver the forum's opening address. (More on that in an upcoming issue.)

World No-Tobacco Day (WNTD) is May 31, 1999.

NCMIC Elections

At its annual meeting in West Des Moines, Iowa this April, National Chiropractic Mutual Holding Company's (NCMHC) policyholders overwhelmingly re-elected Drs. Jerome McAndrews, Marino Passero and Michael Pedigo to the company's board of directors.

Dr. Louis Sportelli was re-elected president; Dr. Passero was re-elected senior vice president of NCMIC Group, Inc.; and Dr. Arnold Cianciulli was re-elected to NCMHC's executive committee, along with Drs. Sportelli and Passero.

Elizabeth Kincaid was promoted to chief operating officer of NCMIC Insurance Company; Patrick McNerney was named president and chief operating officer of NCMIC Finance Corporation (NFC), a subsidiary of the NCMIC Group.

ChiroWeb.com Wins Another Award

Dynamic Chiropractic's website continues to receive kudos from some of the Web's most prestigious health-related organizations. On May 17, ChiroWeb.com was given the "select site" award from Healthlinks.net.

Healthlinks is the product of Stan Gelber, an author and scientist with more than 30 years of experience in computer science and data processing. The mission of Healthlinks is to "create a virtual community for health care professionals" with easy access to valuable information without the "internet hype and complexity."

Healthlinks praised ChiroWeb.com's content, site structure and ease of navigation. "We are pleased to recognize the work and skill that has gone into your web site," the organization said, "and (are) happy to be able to contribute to its success by including it in the Healthlinks.net directory."

Colorado Chiropractor Provides Free Aid to Hurricane Victims

Dr. Belka's team treated more than 400 patients, ranging from a seven-month-old boy to a 97-year-old woman.

When Hurricane Mitch struck Central America in the fall of 1998, it carved a path of destruction hundreds of miles wide. The citizens of Honduras suffered more than most. Many farmers were left homeless and unable to replant crops to feed their families.

As news of the devastation reached the rest of the world, thousands of volunteers arrived in Honduras offering food, clothing and financial assistance. John Belka, DC, of Telluride, Colorado who, along with Drs. Terry and Nancy Brown, ventured to the port city of La Ceiba on a mission of

humanitarian aid.

Dr. Belka's team left the U.S. on April 16th, arriving in Honduras a few days later for a five-day mission. Operating from a makeshift clinic set up in a church in La Ceiba, Dr. Belka and the Browns provided complimentary care to more than 400 patients. In addition, a team of 40 volunteers distributed more than 1,000 pounds of food to local families.

Dr. Belka has asked for the support of others to contribute to those in Honduras who are still without food or shelter. Those considering making a tax deductible donation may send funds to: Christ Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 7, Telluride, CO 81435. Donations will be handled under the guidance of the Rev. Bill Cox.

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