

Shirley Carpenter Endowment Scholarship Fund

Shirley is in the 'top ten' nonphysician workers who helped expand the osteopathic profession. Please join me in contributing to this scholarship fund. - Mitch Kasovac, DO, AOA President 1990-1991

The Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation is honored to establish an Endowed Scholarship Fund in memory of Shirley Carpenter whose work and passion touched so many in the osteopathic medical profession. **Thanks to the generosity of the Montana Osteopathic Medical Association and a number of individuals, the Fund is up and running and we seek to grow it further in order to award scholarships that appropriately honor her legacy.**

To contribute to this special fund in memory of Shirley, please complete the donation form or donate online. <http://www.nwosteo.org/carpenter-scholarship-fund/> The Fund's scholarships can go to outstanding osteopathic medical students from the Northwest states Shirley served: Alaska, Idaho, or Montana.

Recommended by Mitch Kasovac, DO, Shirley Carpenter served as the AOA's Northwest Regional Manager assisting small emerging states to set up osteopathic state associations. Shirley in every sense created the job and made it her own, setting an incredibly high standard in all that she did. Her commitment to getting small associations up and on their feet was remarkable.

Masterfully seeing what assets and unique strengths each state had, Shirley adeptly built on those assets with a no-nonsense, common-sense approach, bringing to bear all the AOA support she could muster. She expertly prepared documentation for associations interested in becoming nonprofit organization and educated association members in the art of organizing successful and academically rigorous CME trainings.

Shirley was always there, holding a hand or leading the charge. A tremendous resource, she regularly attended state association meetings and sensitively mentored many a DO through organizational and community outreach challenges. Shirley was a talented woman of consummate skill who also was quite funny, impeccably honest, extremely caring, deeply involved in her community and a woman who loved to dance! She made an unforgettable impression on virtually everyone. Before her impressive track record with the AOA, she worked in Physician Services at Phoenix General Osteopathic Hospital. Shirley remained passionate about life and worked tirelessly to support "her" states until 2003 when she lost her struggle against stomach cancer.

She had two children and four grandchildren who were the love of her life.



IN MEMORIAM

Campus. He also served as a preceptor at Midwestern University's Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in Downers Grove, Ill.

Dr Cooper was a member of the AOA. Dr Cooper is survived by his wife, April, three sons, three daughters and one sister.

Jessie E. Cooper, DO
Dr Cooper, 64, of Chillicothe, Mo, died on May 8 at Indian Hills Nursing Home in Chillicothe, Mo.

A native of Van Buren, Ark, Dr Cooper attended Avila College in Kansas City, Mo. She earned her doctor of osteopathic medicine degree in 1980 from the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (UHS-COM) in Kansas City, Mo. She interned at the college's former hospital.

An AOA board-certified family physician, Dr Cooper practiced for nearly 20 years in Tipton, Ind, and four Missouri communities: Kansas City, Cameron, Doniphan and Chillicothe. She was a former medical director of the Missouri Women's Prison in Chillicothe.

Dr Cooper belonged to the AOA and the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. She also served as president of the UHS-COM Alumni Association.

Dr Cooper is survived by her husband, Thomas, two sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren.

Douglas W. Frantz, DO
Dr Frantz, 85, of Traverse City, Mich, died on April 3 at Grand Traverse Veterans in Traverse City, Mich.

Dr Frantz, who was born in Uly, Mich, graduated from Michigan State University in East Lansing. In 1943, Dr Frantz earned his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Mo.

Dr Frantz practiced family medicine for almost 40 years in Detroit and Traverse City. He was affiliated with the former Traverse City Osteopathic Hospital.

Dr Frantz served on the Social Services Board of Grand Traverse Pavilions.

An AOA life member, Dr Frantz belonged to the Michigan Osteopathic Association.

Profession mourns AOA staff member and volunteer leader

The osteopathic medical profession has lost two of its friends—Shirley Carpenter (right), an AOA regional manager, and Helene E. Brewer, a longtime volunteer and auxiliary member.

Serving the states Carpenter died on July 25—her 88th birthday. She had worked for the AOA since 1990, when she was hired as the association's first regional manager. She managed the Northwest Region, which includes 11 states.

Carpenter was born and raised in Smith's Ferry, Pa. After living in Cincinnati, she moved to Phoenix, where she volunteered at John C. Lincoln Hospital.

In 1974, she joined the former Phoenix General Hospital as the director of volunteer and later served as the director of special services.

In 1983, Carpenter was instrumental in creating the Arizona Foster Care Review Board, and she continued her volunteerism with the organization for 20 years.

During the last few months of her life, Carpenter received hundreds of cards, letters and phone calls from the many friends she made during her years of service to the osteopathic medical profession.

Dr Frantz is survived by his wife, Arlene, three sons, one daughter, one brother and three grandchildren.

Vincent M. Frost Jr., DO
Dr Frost, 87, of Permon, NY, died on April 9 at Fellowship Village Retirement Community in Basking Ridge, NJ.

A native of East Orange, NJ, Dr Frost earned his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree in 1979 from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine of A.T. Still University of Health Sciences.

Dr Frost practiced family medicine for 55 years in Basking Ridge. He was a former

Carpenter is survived by one son, one daughter, four grandchildren and one sister. Contributions may be made in Carpenter's memory to the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation in Phoenix.

Dedication to auxiliaries
Helene Elizabeth Brewer, 96, died Sept 10 at Hartford (Conn) Hospital. She was the wife of the late Darl R. Brewer, DO.

Born in Levittown, Mich, Brewer was the director of volunteers at the Chicago Osteopathic Hospital and Medical Center from 1960 to 1972. She was also active in the Chicago Osteopathic Women's Auxiliary. Brewer had been a florist, owning her own Hyde Park Flower Shop in Chicago. In 1947, she was said to be one of Chicago's top designers of floral arrangements. During World War II, she made the news for filling 150 Easter flower orders from soldiers via "Victory Mail," also known as V-Mail. One of those orders went to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Brewer is survived by one son, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

—Nancy Vitucci

school physician and member of the board of health in Basking Ridge.

Dr Frost was an AOA life member. He also belonged to the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, which he served as treasurer and vice president.

An accomplished cellist, Dr Frost performed with the Bernards Chamber Ensemble, the Round Brook Symphony, the Society of Musical Arts in Maplewood, NJ, and the American String Teachers Association at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ.

Dr Frost is survived by two daughters and two grandchildren.

In late February, the Wyoming Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons held a meeting of the midwinter conference of the Colorado Society of Osteopathic Medicine. Approximately one-third of Wyoming's practicing DOs attended. Above, Carpenter (left) talks with Jonathan W. Singer, DO, the executive director of the Wyoming association, and Mitchell Kasser, DO, AOA president. (Photo courtesy of the Colorado Society of Osteopathic Medicine)



Montana DOs set example for small states

The meeting that the Montana Osteopathic Association (MOA) held in early May was an excellent example of what a small group of DOs can do with a continuing medical education (CME) program.

Nine DOs from around the state attended the meeting, which was held in Lewistown, Mont. These physicians almost never get a chance to interact because they are all exceptionally busy solo practitioners working in isolated communities.

Many issues confront Montana's DOs. For example, many low-income families, including a large number of American Indians, live in the state. The DOs must rely on their own skills for most medical problems because no specialists are nearby to call upon for advice. These DOs who are affiliated with hospitals are frequently the only physicians on staff. If they are the only physicians in their communities, they literally are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Getting away to attend even nearby CME conferences is difficult.

Four of the DOs who at-

tended MOA's meeting originally came to Montana as members of the US Public Health Service. One, Ezekiel N. Jones II, DO, is still with the Public Health Service. He is working on an Indian reservation, where he has a complex and busy practice.

All nine DOs attended each lecture at the meeting. They have an acute need for educational updates, informal interaction with their fellow DOs, and camaraderie.

Each DO paid for his meals and accommodations, and most brought their families.

These DOs are determined to improve their CME program and to encourage all osteopathic physicians in Montana to attend.

—Shirley Carpenter

ing Home to recruit an additional DO to its staff.

Nevada: The Nevada Osteopathic Medical Association holds a yearly CME conference with the Utah Osteopathic Medical Association. The Nevada Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners meets at the same time. A varied and timely CME program, numerous exhibitors, and 400 registrants make this a successful conference.

New Mexico: This state has a strong osteopathic medical association, which is active in legislative matters.

A group of physicians headed by Robert C. Frich, DO, is trying to establish a graduate medical education program at Espanola (NM) Hospital. The AOA is assisting in this effort.

The AOA also is assisting the New Mexico Osteopathic Medical Association in its efforts to improve the operations of its office.

The association's annual convention was held this year during the Fourth of July weekend so families can participate.

Wyoming: The Wyoming Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (WAOPS) is an up-and-coming group. What Wyoming DOs lack in numbers, they make up for in enthusiasm.

WAOPS President Karen E. Brungardt, DO, is projecting that the association will hold its first CME meeting in the summer of 1992. Some options being considered are a trail ride in northern Wyoming and a meeting at Jackson Hole, Wyo. Also under consideration is a combined meeting with another state association.

Dr Brungardt and Shirley Carpenter, AOA Northwest regional manager, are contacting all the DOs in Wyoming, in part, to get them to pay their state dues so that seed money is available for this project.

—Shirley Carpenter