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2010 RheumPAC raffle winners
*Jennifer May, MD of Rapid
 City, SD (l) and Robert Lloyd,
 MD of Chevy Chase, MD (r)*



Congratulations to the Mercy Arthritis & Osteoporosis Center in Urbandale, IA for 100% RheumPAC Membership! All fourteen rheumatologists and rheumatology health professionals contributed to RheumPAC in 2010. Members from the Mercy Arthritis & Osteoporosis Center (from left to right) Front row: Susan Jacobi, MD and Cory Pittman, MD 2nd row: Mary Radia, DO; Mark Burdt, DO; Kristin Harts, MD and Julie Jaksich, RN – office manager 3rd row: Alan Braun, MD; Eric Swenson, MD and Christopher Ronkar, MD Back row: Lawrence Rettenmaier, MD; Steven Craig, MD; Michael Finan, MD and Joseph Gilg, MD Not pictured Laurie Hugell, MSPA-C, MPH

DEAR COLLEAGUES:

As RheumPAC closes its books for 2010, we finish the year with record setting numbers in both fundraising and disbursements. With the continued support and commitment of the membership, RheumPAC raised \$73,098, over \$8,000 more than 2009. This support allowed RheumPAC to contribute \$57,000 to 33 congressional campaigns, providing access to key policymakers and enhancing the College's presence on Capitol Hill.

With 2010 being a key election year, RheumPAC focused its efforts on supporting candidates who recognize the value of rheumatology and will fight to advance our issues. The \$57,000 in candidate contributions created more than 30 opportunities for ACR representatives to have one-on-one conversations with key policy makers on health care reform, the elimination of consultation codes and the importance of the rheumatology subspecialty. And with 91 percent of RheumPAC supported candidates winning their elections, we continue to build valuable relationships with those who will be making health policy decisions in the 112th Congress.

In an effort to gauge support for the ACR's core issues, the RheumPAC committee developed a candidate questionnaire. The questionnaire contains a summary of issues impacting

the rheumatology and physician community and requests the candidate's positions. The questionnaire was sent to all candidates running for Congress and provided valuable feedback to the committee when considering candidate contributions. The questionnaire also serves as an educational tool informing candidates of our legislative priorities.

RheumPAC continues to educate the membership on its role within the College's advocacy efforts. RheumPAC held the second annual RheumPAC raffle at the 2010 ACR/ARHP Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta which was successful in soliciting support and increasing knowledge amongst the membership. RheumPAC members were on hand to answer questions and discuss the progress RheumPAC is making on behalf of rheumatology professionals. RheumPAC will continue to seek input from the membership and encourage ACR and ARHP members to nominate candidates for RheumPAC support.

I am proud of the progress we made in 2010 but there is plenty of room to grow. I look forward to working with the membership to continue the growth of RheumPAC, the College's advocacy efforts and the advancement of rheumatology on Capitol Hill.

Gary L. Bryant, MD
Chair, RheumPAC



What is RheumPAC?

RheumPAC is the ACR's non-partisan political action committee that works specifically to support and elect pro-rheumatology candidates. It is the only PAC dedicated to rheumatology professionals.



Who Receives Contributions?

RheumPAC supports congressional candidates who have demonstrated their commitment to issues important to the rheumatology community.

Why Does the ACR need RheumPAC?

RheumPAC is an integral part of the ACR's advocacy efforts in increasing knowledge of rheumatology related issues on Capitol Hill. RheumPAC creates opportunities to educate and develop relationships with members of Congress as well as support champions for our issues and our message. It is the financial vehicle through which ACR and ARHP members can collectively support congressional candidates who share our commitment to rheumatology.

Why Should I Contribute?

Congress enacts health policies that impact your profession and your patients. RheumPAC provides opportunities for the College to educate key policymakers on the importance — and especially the value — of rheumatology. ACR representatives use these one-on-one meetings and small events to explain how early access to a rheumatologist improves outcomes and provides a better quality of life for rheumatology patients. The ACR's legislative agenda can only be effective when legislators understand and fight for our issues.

How Can I Contribute?

You can contribute at www.rheumatology.org/RheumPAC with a personal credit card.

Mail a personal check to:

RheumPAC
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RheumPAC Membership Levels

\$2,000-\$5,000	Leadership Circle
\$1,000-\$1,999	Gold
\$500-\$999	Silver
\$250-\$499	Bronze
\$25-\$249	Supporter

Disclaimer: You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident to contribute to RheumPAC. All contributions are voluntary and must be made using personal, non-corporate funds. RheumPAC contributions are not tax deductible. Federal law requires RheumPAC to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and employer of individual's whose contribution exceeds \$200 in a calendar year.



Karen Kolba, MD of Pismo Beach, CA and Representative Lois Capps (D-CA)

Who Approves RheumPAC Contributions?

All contributions made to candidates are researched, discussed and voted on by the RheumPAC committee.

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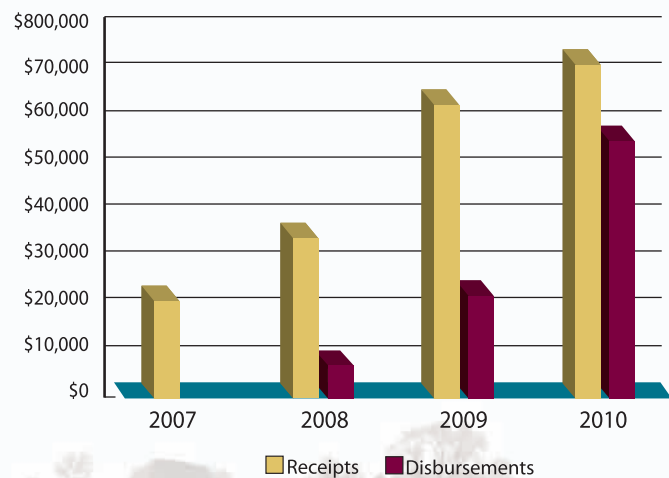
The committee uses one or all of the following criteria to determine RheumPAC support for a congressional candidate:

- The candidate supports rheumatology related issues.
- The candidate holds a leadership position or key committee assignment.
- The candidate was recommended by an ACR or ARHP member.



Representative Barney Frank (D-MA) and Jonathan Kay, MD of Worcester, MA

RheumPAC Receipts & Disbursements





RheumPAC supported the campaigns of the following candidates in 2010:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Representative John Barrow (D-GA-12)	\$1000
Representative Shelley Berkley (D-NV-01)	\$2500
Representative Marsha Blackburn (R-TN-07)	\$1000
Representative Michael Burgess, MD (R-TX-26)	\$2500
Representative Dave Camp (R-MI-04)	\$1000
Representative Lois Capps (D-CA-23)	\$2000
Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT-03)	\$2500
Representative Anna Eshoo (D-CA-14)	\$2500
Representative Barney Frank (D-MA-04)	\$2500
Representative Charles Gonzalez (D-TX-20)	\$2500
Representative Jack Kingston (R-GA-01)	\$1000
Representative Sander Levin (D-MI-12)	\$2500
Representative Nita Lowey (D-NY-18)	\$1000
Representative Jim Matheson (D-UT-02)	\$1500
Representative Joe Pitts (R-PA-16)	\$1000
Representative Mike Rogers (R-MI-08)	\$2000
Representative Mike Ross (D-AR-04)	\$2000
Representative Allyson Schwartz (D-PA-13)	\$1000
Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX-32)	\$1000
Representative John Shimkus (R-IL-19)	\$2000
Representative Lee Terry (R-NE-02)	\$1000
Representative Fred Upton (R-MI-06)	\$2500
Representative Ed Whitfield (R-KY-01)	\$2000



Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) and Malin Prupas, MD of Reno, NV

U.S. SENATE

Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA)	\$2500
Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA)	\$1000
Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-AR)*	\$2500
Senator Harry Reid (D-NV)	\$1500
Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY)	\$2500
Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME)	\$1500
Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR)	\$2000

Non-Incumbents

Andy Barr (R-KY-06)*	\$1000
Dan Seals (D-IL-10)*	\$1000
Rob Woodall (R-GA-7)	\$1000

*Did not win race



Sharad Lakhapal, MD and Stan Cohen, MD of Dallas, TX with Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX) (c).





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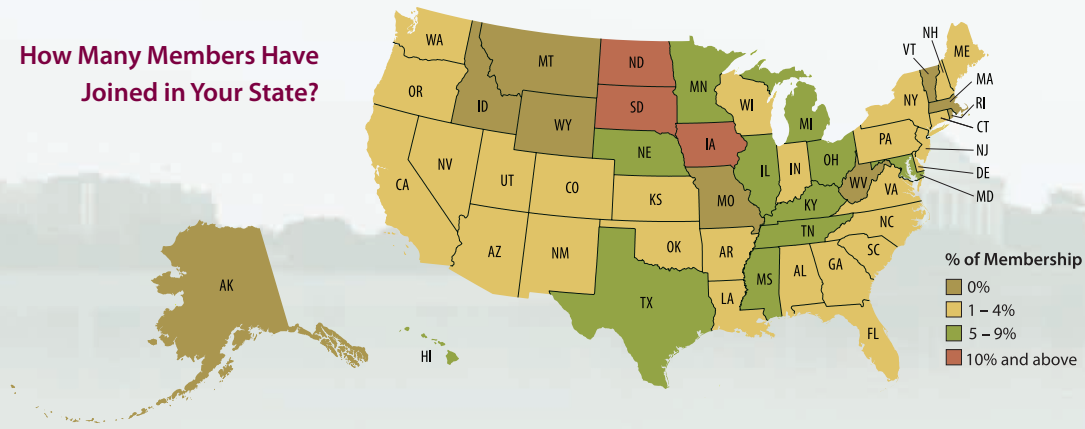
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