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Maine AAP's Legislator of the Year Award

The Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics has honored Representative Joseph C. Brannigan (D-Portland) with their Legislator of the Year Award. Established several years ago, the award is given annually to recognize those Maine Legislators who provide leadership and support to legislation and efforts around children's issues in the State of Maine. Rep. Brannigan accepted the award during a dinner reception on November 12, 2005.

Representative Brannigan was given the award for being instrumental in preserving and passing legislation that resulted in the MaineCare provider reimbursement increase. The increase in the amount of money that providers receive for services provided

to MaineCare patients will greatly improve access and services to children covered by the program. His overall support for children and children's programs in the legislature has significantly added to the efforts of the Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics to improve the lives of children and adolescents in Maine.

Representative Brannigan entered the Maine Legislature in the late 70's and has served 7 terms in the House of Representatives and 4 terms in the Senate. During his tenure in the legislature he has chaired the Business and Commerce, Judiciary, Marine Resource, Housing and Economic Development, Appropriation and Financial



Rep. Joseph C. Brannigan

Affairs, and Transportation Committees. He is currently the House Chair of the Appropriations Committee. His focus and specialization has been in health, housing, children in need, homelessness, case management and computerization issues.

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The Maine Chapter of the AAP is a winner of a *Promoting the Open Forum Concept* chapter grant from the AAP. The award is for \$1000 to develop and implement two open forums during 2006 focusing on early child de-

velopment.

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Leo Leonidas, FAAP, who is often seen and heard on local media outlets speaking about early brain development, has published *Baby Math*, available at Amazon.com.

In this book he describes how he incorporates math skills into even the youngest well child visits. His follow up book *Brilliant Babies Of Maine* is due for release in early 2006.

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John Bancroft, MD

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John Bancroft, MD is the new Chief and Medical Director of the Department of Pediatrics and The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. John is well known to most pediatricians in Maine as a Pediatric Gastroenterologist with the Maine Pediatric Specialty Group.

John is continuing as an active member of the Pediatric Gastroenterology group, especially while they are continuing a na-

tional search for a new partner. After that he will reduce his practice time.

In his role as Chief, he is empowered by the MMC Board to advance the full spectrum of Pediatric clinical, educational and research services both at the BBCH. We wish John all the best in his endeavors to write the next chapter of The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital.

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Eastern Maine Medical

Center is opening its new Continuing Care Nursery this month.

This new unit is developmentally appropriate, with nine private rooms and two semi-private rooms – which will accommodate families with twins. Each room is designed to optimize outcomes for babies, while providing more privacy and space for parents and other family members.

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*AAP recommends new
Tdap Vaccines for
adolescents aged 11– 18
years*



Maine Maternal and Infant Mortality and Resiliency Review

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention is currently completing the first year of a grant from the March of Dimes to start up a Maternal and Infant Mortality and Resiliency Review Program [MIMRR] for our state.

An average of 68 infant deaths occurred per year in Maine during the five-year period of 1999-2003, giving an average annual infant mortality rate of 5.0 deaths per 1,000 live births, comparable to the national white non-Hispanic rate for 2000-2002 of 5.7 per 1,000. The most common causes of infant death in Maine are birth defects, prematurity, and SIDS, and nearly every year one Maine woman dies from a pregnancy related

cause. An average of four women die each year during or just after pregnancy, mostly due to injuries and cancer.

The reviews will enable us to recognize emerging patterns that represent opportunities to prevent future maternal and infant deaths and to increase the availability of prevention and genetic services that both reduce risk and increase protective factors.

While our primary focus is on the babies and mothers who die, and their families, our program will ultimately reach and have an impact on all people who live in Maine. We

have made considerable progress in building the concept of resiliency into all phases of the project. We intend to apply the research on resiliency at several levels – infant, family, community – to discover the protective factors that enable families to do well in spite of adversity.

During the first 11 months of the current March of Dimes grant, we established a network of about 100 people from a wide array of public and private, state and local organizations and from all walks of life who are committed to make this program a reality for Maine; formed four action teams: Technical Review, Community Action, Resiliency, and Steering Group;

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Maineiac's own Dr Don Burgess

Don has been a fellow of the AAP since 1994 and a member of the Maine Chapter since 1995.

He grew up in Berwick, Maine, and graduated from UMO in 1986. He then completed medical school at UVM graduating in 1990 after which he went to Children's Hospital of Pittsburg for residency.

Following residency he went further west and

spent two years in Bethel (no not Maine) Alaska. In 1995 he completed the great circle returning to Maine and private practice in Kennebunk. He is currently the medical director of the York County Learning and Behavior Assessment Clinic, and is the former Chief of Pediatrics for Southern Maine Medical Center where he remains actively involved in a number of hospital initiatives.

To round this out Don has

been a camp physician for ten years at Camp William Hinds, and has served on the sub camp medical staffs of three National Boy Scout Jamborees.

Don is married to Mary Lou, a Family Nurse Practitioner, and they live in Kennebunkport with their twin sons, Nicholas and Timothy. His other interests include outdoor activities, Scouting, and computer technology.



Don Burgess, MD, FAAP
Chapter President

WATCH YOUR MOUTH Campaign

WYM will launch its campaign in Maine aimed at overcoming the problems that affect children's oral health.

They aim to make sure that care is provided for children's teeth to the same degree that it is for the rest of their bodies.

They hope to mobilize communities to ensure that there is sustained funding for pro-

grams such as tuition forgiveness for new dentists who agree to establish their practices in rural Maine.

They want to improve access to oral health care by coordinating education, screening and treatment services among physicians, dentists and social service providers.

They want to prevent oral

disease by providing fluoride and sealants through school-based and community-based health clinics.

The WYM campaign aims to be a strong voice for children's oral health.

To find out more, go to www.watchyourmouth.org.

Contact Kate Perkins at (207) 622-7566 x225 or WYM@mcd.org.

**Maine AAP Spring
Conference 2006
May 6-7, 2006
Samoset Resort**

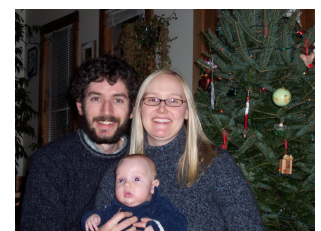
**Guest Speaker
Lewis First, MD**

New Executive Director for Maine AAP

Aubrie Entwold grew up in Coming, New York and attended the State University of New York College at Geneseo where she attained her Bachelor's in Psychology in 2000. She moved to Maine after graduating, and began work as an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow for the Maine Children's Alliance

in 2001 working on Maine-Care outreach and School-Based Health Center advocacy. In 2002, Aubrie became the Program Coordinator for the Children's Health Collaborative in Southern Kennebec County. Before coming to the Maine Chapter, Aubrie was the Program Assistant for the Mid-Maine Child

Trauma Network in Augusta. Aubrie has been working on her Masters in Public Policy and Management at the University of Southern Maine, Muskie School. She lives in Readfield with her husband Jim, Program Coordinator for the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program, and her son Skye Avery.



Aubrie and family

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Members, we have added a new page to our website called "Member Center." Periodically we will post items to this page that are of interest to our members.

You might want to check it out now for information on National's new Anniversary-Date billing system and to see an article in the Portland Press Herald about Infant Potty Training that Don was quoted in. I also hope to publish the Maineiac here as well.

The direct link is:

www.maineaap.org/MemberCenter.htm or you can get to it by the link at the bottom of the membership page.

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identified a Program Coordinator; introduced legislation (LD 1420) to provide statutory authority for the review panel; established direct links to the Maine Child Death and Serious Injury Review Panel to ensure that we work in synch with each other, and to the Maine Task Force on Early Childhood of the Governor's Children's Cabinet to ensure a mechanism for the translation of our work into policy and system change; and set into motion a process that includes family and community involvement from start to finish, honors all cultures, uses simple and

non-jargon language, gathers and analyzes accurate and useful data, and respects families for their resiliency.

We have applied to the March of Dimes for a second year of funding.

MIMRR will consider the entire life 'story' of each of the cases that we review, including medical records, autopsy reports, and family interviews. Rather than try to prove what led to a particular death or assign blame, the team will attempt to find gaps in services and

systems that represent an opportunity for prevention, and do so in "real time." Each review provides an opportunity to engage one or more systems, whether health care, the media, education, child welfare, the legislature, community agencies, civic associations, churches, or others. Refining the allocation of a community's social and fiscal resources can result in a wide array of improvements.