



1961 E. Grey Dimond, M.D., M.A.C.C., leads a delegation of ACC physicians to the Philippines and Taiwan for the College's first International Circuit Course. Dr. Dimond equates the Circuit Course to a "medical Peace Corps." More than 2,500 physicians attend the first course. Over the next five years, the program travels to 44 countries.

Chapters Recognized for Outstanding 2008 Achievements

Since the first chapter was launched over 20 years ago, ACC chapters have gone above and beyond to support the cardiology community at the local level in the areas of advocacy, education, quality improvement and networking. In recognition of their superior efforts to increase the value of ACC membership, 27 chapters have been recognized for their outstanding achievements in 2008.

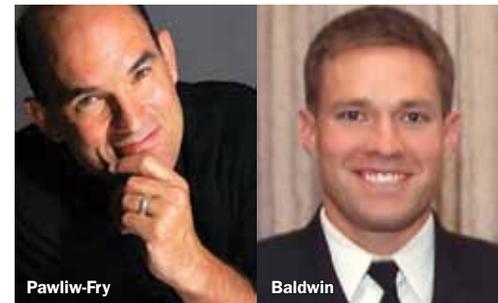
Award highlights:

- The **California** Chapter received an award for launching a new series of patient-centered events, with eight scheduled in late 2008 and early 2009. The first of this series had more than 110 attendees and was featured in local and national media outlets.
- ACC's **Massachusetts** Chapter stood out in 2008 for meeting several advocacy goals, including defeating a bill to restrict physician referral for imaging and collaborating with other groups to amend a bill that would have eliminated pharmaceutical education grants.
- The **West Virginia** Chapter deserved an outstanding achievement award for its 2008 annual meeting, which was attended by more than 40 percent of its members. The event built awareness of the Chapter and served as an educational tool for hot topics in cardiology and new ACC programs.

In addition, three chapters earned the HERO ("Heroic Efforts creating Results and Opportunities) award for their superior efforts in 2008. The winners of this award — **Ohio, Alabama and Puerto Rico** — made significant advances in the College's mission through exemplary enhancement of member value, education, advocacy and quality of patient care. These Chapters will be recognized in future issues of *Cardiology* for this distinction.

The award winners are as follows:

Large Chapter Award Winners Chapters with more than 500 members		Medium Chapter Award Winners Chapters with 150-500 members			Small Chapter Award Winners Chapters with less than 150 members	
California	New York	Alabama	Kentucky	Missouri	Iowa	Puerto Rico
Florida	Ohio	Arizona	Louisiana	North Carolina	Mississippi	West Virginia
Illinois	Texas	Connecticut	Maryland	Virginia	Oregon	
Michigan		Georgia	Massachusetts	Washington		
		Indiana	Minnesota	Wisconsin		



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Forum Highlights Success for Chapters, Meaning of Leadership

The ACC held its Leadership Forum on Jan. 30 and 31 in Washington, D.C. Veteran and incoming ACC Governors and Trustees met to exchange ideas and experiences. The Governors and Trustees heard from **J.P. Pawliw-Fry, Ph.D.**, of the Kellogg Graduate School of Management, on redefining leadership and learned strategies and techniques to increase engagement within their chapter membership and board. ACC President-elect **Alfred Bove, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.C.**, addressed the Forum and introduced the coming "Year of the Patient." This patient-centered initiative centers on strengthening the patient-physician relationship, and its programs will run throughout the College as well as the chapters. Additionally, ACC CEO **Jack Lewin, M.D.**, discussed the current operating environment of medicine and the pending threats and opportunities found in 2009.

U.S. Navy Lt. **Andrew Baldwin, M.D.**, appeared as a special guest during the Chapter Awards ceremony. Baldwin awarded plaques to winning chapter leadership. Baldwin, a former star of the ABC hit show, "The Bachelor: An Officer and a Gentleman," currently serves as a Navy medicine advocate at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, D.C.