



# DUCCS Happy Hour

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## Post-AHA Recap

If you missed AHA's Scientific Sessions in New Orleans, you missed a flurry of DUCCS activities, from collegial dining to Duke basketball giveaways to planning our future. Read on to find out more.

## *A Taste of Old New Orleans at the Dinner with Fellows*

Twenty-four DUCCS members, Duke faculty, and cardiology fellows came together for networking and camaraderie at Tujague's, New Orleans' second-oldest restaurant



in the historic French Quarter. Twelve current fellows attended, as did alumni from around the country. It was the third DUCCS dinner at AHA Scientific Sessions since 2014. This dinner is becoming recognized and anticipated as an annual event.

The group took time out of discussing cardiology, Duke football, and current events to remember DUCCS founder Dr. Galen Wagner. DUCCS President Dr. Brent Muhlestein, of Utah's Intermountain Health, shared a moving series of memories of Dr. Wagner's persistent and inspiring mentorship.

Many thanks to all who came, and particularly to those who sponsored the cost of dinner for a fellow.



Above and left: DUCCS members, Duke faculty, and fellows at Tujague's in New Orleans



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## **Getting Down to Business at Our Board Meeting**

Our biannual face-to-face board meeting was well-attended and full of lively discussion.

Fifteen members in total participated in person or by phone to share site updates, discuss the role of DUCCS in clinical research, and shape future directions for the organization.

Updates included the following:

DUCCS director Rob Mentz met with new Duke Cardiology Chief and Heart Center Co-Director Manesh Patel. Dr. Patel is excited about the progress of DUCCS and about continuing to support DUCCS' efforts related to education, research, and fellowship mentoring.

The Galen Wagner Endowment has reached sustaining level. Many thanks to Steve and Gigi Roark for spearheading our fundraising effort, and thanks to all who helped and who contributed.

The ST LEUIS study is moving steadily forward. Dr. Alex Barbagelata's site in Argentina is starting up as a ST LEUIS site.

The PRIME-HF study is ramping up with solid DUCCS participation. Currently 10 sites are activated, 3 of which are DUCCS. John Heitner is the DUCCS Champion and his site is currently the leading enroller in the trial. Overall, there will be ~15 DUCCS sites nationally.

We appreciate the enthusiasm and contributions from all who attended and look forward to another productive and collegial gathering next year.

## **Congratulations, Raffle Winners!**

At the Duke reception at AHA, DUCCS began an annual tradition. The DUCCS basketball raffle raised funds for visiting professorships and other fellow activities. It also raised awareness at Duke and at AHA about the work DUCCS does with fellows.

Congratulations to our winners!

**Two tickets to Duke vs. Maine**  
Debbie Stephens, Travel Agent

**Signed Duke Basketball Poster**  
Crystal Patterson, Staff Assistant

**Two tickets to Duke vs. Tennessee State**  
Daniel Beyer, Web Administrator



Thank you to the DUCCS members, alumni, Duke staff, and others who participated in our raffle.



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## It's Almost 2017... Renew Your Membership Today!

A new year is approaching. If your membership expires at the end of this year, or if you have let your membership lapse, now is the time to renew or rejoin.

Your membership dues support mentorship and networking for fellows, visiting professorships, and much more.

In addition, being a member allows you to fully participate in DUCCS and take advantage of our services. Members can...

- Return to Duke as visiting professors
- Post job announcements for fellows and other job seekers
- Take advantage of CME opportunities
- Participate in studies as part of the DUCCS network
- Access Duke library resources
- Mentor fellows and new graduates
- Propose and lead new DUCCS studies

To pay your membership dues (\$300 for a 3-year membership or \$100 for a 1-year membership), please use one of the following options.

By Credit Card: Go to <https://www.gifts.duke.edu/>  
Search for **DUCCS Educational Fund**  
Choose **One Time Gift**  
Enter payment details when prompted

By Check: Make payable to **DUKE UNIVERSITY**  
Include in memo **DUCCS 392-9010**  
Send to Megan Honig, Box 17969, Durham, NC 27715

By Wire (domestic): Bank Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
420 Montgomery Street  
San Francisco, CA 94104  
ABA # 121000248 (Domestic Only)  
Beneficiary: Duke University Concentration Account  
Account # 2023740253053  
Please indicate:  
**DUCCS 392-9010, contact Megan Honig, 919.681.3398**

For all payments, please email Megan Honig to confirm:  
[megan.honig@duke.edu](mailto:megan.honig@duke.edu)

## Become a DUCCS Board Member

Want to shape the future of DUCCS? We have several spots open on our board and are looking for innovative, committed leaders to participate. Board members take part in monthly calls and may serve on education, membership, research, Global DUCCS, or other committees.

We are accepting nominations through the end of the year. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please submit a CV and short vision statement (several sentences on how you'd like to be involved) to Rob Mentz ([robert.mentz@duke.edu](mailto:robert.mentz@duke.edu)) and Megan Honig ([megan.honig@duke.edu](mailto:megan.honig@duke.edu)) by December 31.

We look forward to working together!