34th
WTSA | Annual Meeting
June 25–28, 2008
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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Hawaii
Sheraton Keauhou Bay
Resort and Spa, Kona
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I take great pleasure in inviting you to the 34th Annual Meeting of the Western Surgical Association, which will be held June 25 – 28, 2008, at the Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa in Kona, Hawaii.

The quadrennial destination for the Western, Hawaii remains a favorite location for our Annual Meeting. Deep in history and tradition and world-renowned for its weather, hospitality, and gracious surroundings, the relaxed tropical setting of Kona creates the perfect environs to meet with colleagues both old and new. The “Big Island” also offers a wealth of sporting and water activities for all ages and skill levels. Dr. and Mrs. Michael S. Mulligan have arranged for some only-in-Hawaii tours and activities for our attendees as well as an elegant but relaxing social program.

I look forward to meeting with you all this June, and I hope you will take advantage of this year’s exciting scientific program organized by Dr. John Mitchell and the rest of the Program Committee. As part of that program, we are pleased to welcome some of the most respected international leaders in cardiothoracic surgery.

Please review the information in here carefully and I will see you in Kona!

Warmest regards,

Douglas E. Wood, MD
President, WTSA
WTSA 34th ANNUAL MEETING

Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort and Spa, Kona

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM and BREAKFAST SESSIONS
A preliminary program listing breakfast session topics and faculty is included in this mailing.

MEETING SCHEDULE
The 34th Annual Meeting will feature scientific sessions and social events as follows:

Wednesday, June 25, 2008

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Registration Opens

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
New Members Reception
Kids’ Reception

Thursday, June 26, 2008

6:00 am
Samson Fun Run

7:00 am – 12:00 pm
Registration
Exhibits Open/
Continental Breakfast
Family Hospitality
Scientific Session
Luau Theme Dinner

Friday, June 27, 2008

6:30 am – 8:00 am
Breakfast Sessions

6:00 am – 12:00 pm
Registration
Exhibits Open/
Continental Breakfast
Family Hospitality
Postgraduate Course
Scientific Session
Golf Tournament
Tennis Tournament

Saturday, June 28, 2008

6:30 am – 10:30 am
Exhibits Open/
Continental Breakfast
Registration
Family Hospitality
Concurrent Forum Sessions
Scientific Session
Business Meeting
Family Luncheon
President’s Reception & Banquet
Children’s and Teens’ Banquets
**WTSA 34th ANNUAL MEETING**

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2008**

1:00 pm Registration Opens  
Speaker Ready Room Open

7:00 pm New Members Reception  
Kids' Reception

**THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2008**

6:00 am Samson Fun Run

7:00 am Registration  
Speaker Ready Room  
Continental Breakfast  
Family Hospitality

7:50 am Introduction of New Members and Resident Essay Finalists

8:00 am **SCIENTIFIC SESSION**  
(10 minutes presentation, 10 minutes discussion)  
Moderators: Douglas E. Wood, University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA  
John Mitchell, University of Colorado Health Services, Denver, CO

1. Improved Quality and Cost Effectiveness of Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting in the United States from 1988-2005  
H. K. Song*, B. S. Diggs, R. M. Ungerleider*, K. F. Welke*. Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, OR,

2. Diffusing Capacity Predicts Pulmonary Complications After Lung Resection in Patients With and Without Obstructive Pulmonary Disease  
M. K. Ferguson1, H. A. Gaissert1, J. D. Grab1,  
1The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL,  
2Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA,  
3University of Colorado Health and Science, Denver, CO

3. The Ross Procedure in Adults: A Vanishing Procedure  
1University of Colorado, Denver, CO, 2Oregon Health And Science University, Portland, OR,  
3University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD,  
*Duke Clinical Research Institute, Durham, NC

4. Thoracoscopic Lobectomy is Associated with Fewer Postoperative Complications  

5. Mid-term Results of Endovascular treatment of Complicated Acute Type B Aortic Dissection  
A. Khoynezhad1, C. E. Donayre2, I. Walot3, G. E. Kopchol3, R. A. White3,  
1University Of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE, 2Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, CA,

6. Comparison of Patterns of Relapse in Thymic Carcinoma and Thymoma  
J. Huang, N. Rizk, W. Travis, G. Riely, B. Park, M. Bains, R. Flores, R. Downey, V. Rusch. Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY,

7. Early and Late Outcomes in Minimally Invasive Mitral Valve Repair: An Eleven Year Experience in 707 Patients  
R. S. McClure, L. H. Cohn3, G. S. Couper, S. F. Aranki, R. M. Bolman, F. Y. Chen, M. J. Davidson Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA,

11:40 am **CONTROVERSIES IN THORACIC SURGERY**  
The Optimal Therapy for N2 NonSmall Cell Lung Cancer Is Induction Chemoradiotherapy Followed by Surgery (non-small?)  
Moderator: Donald Low, Virginia Mason Medical Ctr, Seattle, WA  
Pro: Kemp Kernstine, City of Hope National Medical Center, Duarte; CA  
Con: Ross Bremner, St. Joseph’s Hospital - Heart&Lung Ins, Phoenix, AZ

12:30 pm ADJOURN

7:00 pm Luau Theme Dinner

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+ Samson Resident Prize Essay  
* WTSA Member
FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2008

6:00 am  Speaker Ready Room
          Registration

6:30 am  SIMULTANEOUS BREAKFAST SESSIONS
          Adult Cardiac Session
          Total Arterial Revascularization: Is the Bang Worth the Buck?
          Speaker: David B. Ross, Walter McKenzie Centre, Edmonton, AB

          General Thoracic Session
          Building a Comprehensive Program in Cardiothoracic Surgery
          Speaker: Douglas J. Mathisen, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

          Congenital Heart Disease Session
          New Technology for Pediatric Circulatory Support
          Speaker: Gordon A. Cohen, Heart Center, Children's Hospital, Seattle, WA

7:00 am  Continental Breakfast – Exhibit Hall
          Family Hospitality

8:00 am  POSTGRADUATE COURSE
          Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplantation for Malignant and Nonmalignant Hematologic Disorders
          Rainer F. Storb, Fred Hutchinson
          Sponsored by: White Memorial Medical Center and Foundation – Lyman A. Brewer, III Fund
          Cancer Research Center, Seattle, WA

8:50 a.m.  SCIENTIFIC SESSION
          (10 minutes presentation, 10 minutes discussion)
          Moderators: Joseph Cleveland, University of CO Health Sciences Ctr., Denver, CO
          Michael Mulligan, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

          8.  Aprotinin in Cardiac Surgery Patients: Is the Risk Worth the Benefit?
          Carolinas Heart and Vascular Institute, Charlotte, NC,

          9.  Is Intra-operative Botox Injection the Optimal Management of the Pylorus during esophagogastrectomy?
          R. J. Cerfolio1, A. S. Bryant, R. Dharwan, C. Canon. University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

          10.  Evolution of National Treatment Options and Outcomes for Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome Over an 18-Year Period
          T. Karamlou, B. S. Diggs, R. M. Ungerleider*, K. F. Welke*, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR,

          11.  Survival After Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy: Impact Of Residual Pulmonary Hypertension
          D. H. Freed1, B. M. Thomson1, S. S. Tsui1, J. Dunning1, K. K. Sheares1, J. Pepke-Zaba1, D. P. Jenkins1.
          1University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, Canada,
          2Prince Charles Hospital, Brisbane, Australia,
          3Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, United Kingdom,

          12.  Failure after Neoadjuvant Chemoradiation and Surgery for Esophageal Cancer: Do Complete Responders Recur Differently than Non-Complete Responders?
          R. A. Meguid1, C. M. Hooker1, J. T. Taylor1, L. R. Kleinberg1, S. M. Cattaneo1, M. Sussman1, S. C. Yang1, R. H. Heitmiller1, A. A. Forastiere1, M. V. Brock1.
          1Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, 3Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, MD,

          13.  108,687 Isolated Aortic Valve Replacements Over 10 years in North America: Changing Risk, Valve type and Outcome in the Society of Thoracic Surgeons Database
          J. M. Brown1, S. O'Brien1, J. Sikora1, B. P. Griffith1, J. S. Gammie1.
          1University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD, 2Duke Clinical Research Institute, Durham, North Carolina, NC,

          14.  Differential Toll-like Receptor Activation in Lung Ischemia Reperfusion Injury
          J. Keech, P. Wolf, H. Merrit, M. Mulligan*
          University of Washington, Seattle, WA,

          15.  Management Of Critical Left Ventricular Outflow Obstruction In Children Under One Year Of Age
          Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA,

10:30 am  Coffee Break  Visit Exhibits

11:00 am  SCIENTIFIC SESSION (cont.)
          (10 minutes presentation, 10 minutes discussion)
          Moderators: Arvind Koshal, University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, AB
          Ross Bremner, St. Joseph's Hospital-Heart& Lung Ins. Phoenix, AZ

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1:00 pm  Golf Tournament
          Tennis Tournament

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SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2008

6:00 am  Speaker Ready Room

7:00 am  Registration
Continental Breakfast
Family Hospitality

7:00 am  CONCURRENT BRIEF
COMMUNICATIONS SESSIONS
(5 minutes presentation, 3 minutes discussion)

ADULT CARDIAC
Moderators: Edward Verrier, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Robbin Cohen, Keck School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA

BC1. Correlation Between Osteopontin Levels
And Aortic Valve Calcification: Potential
Insights Into The Pathogenesis Of Aortic
Valve Calcification
New York University School of Medicine, New York, NY

BC2. Evolution in the Management of the
Total Thoracic Aorta
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

BC3. Endograft Repair of Traumatic Thoracic
Aortic Tears is First Line Therapy for
 Appropriately Selected Patients
1Dept. of Surgery, Division of Cardiothoracic, Univ California Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA.
2Dept. of Medicine, Div. of Cardiology, Vascular Center, UC Davis, Sacramento, CA.

BC4. Is Conventional Aortic Arch Surgery in
Octogenarians Justifiable?
National Cardiovascular Center, Osaka, Japan

BC5. Fate of Moderate Functional Mitral
Regurgitation after Aortic Valve
Replacement: Is Concomitant Mitral Valve
Repair Necessary?
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

BC6. Has Restricting Resident Work Hours
Detracted From Resident Operative
Experience?
1University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT,
2Intermountain Medical Center, Salt Lake City, UT,
3University of Colorado, Aurora, CO, 4Stanford University, Stanford, CA,

BC7. A New Strategy For Prevention Of
Anastomotic Stricture By Using Tacrolimus
eluting Biodegradable Nanofiber
1Nagoya University, Graduate School of Medicine, Department of Cardiovascular Surgery, Nagoya, Japan,
2Department of Clinical Cell Therapy and Tissue Engineering, Nagoya University School of Medicine, Nagoya, Japan,
3Department of Cardiac Surgery, The University of Tokyo Graduate School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan

BC8. Intramyocardial Injection of Autologous
Platelet Rich Plasma combined with
Transmyocardial Revascularization
1Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Salisbury, MD, 2Christ Hospital, Cincinnati, OH, 3Mild America Heart and Lung Surgeons, Kansas City, MO

BC9. Metabolic Syndrome is an Independent Risk
Factor for Stroke and Acute Renal Failure
after Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery
1Department of Cardiovascular Surgery, Juntendo University Shizuoka Hospital, Shizuoka, Japan,
2Department of Cardiology, Juntendo University School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan, 3Department of Cardiovascular Surgery, Juntendo University School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan

*WTSA Member
Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons - New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, NY

BC11. The Impact of Excessive Grafting on Long-term Survival in Coronary Artery Bypass Operations
D. Chu1, F. G. Bakaeen1, X. Wang, J. S. Coselli2, S. A. LeMaire3, J. Huh4.
1Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, 2Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

BC12. Predictive Model of Atrial fibrillation in 5600 Isolated Coronary Artery Bypass Surgeries
1Division of Cardiac Surgery, The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, MD, 2Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine. The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, MD, 3Department of Biostatistics. Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, Baltimore, MD

BC13. Direct Thrombin Inhibition With Bivalirudin For Cardiopulmonary Bypass Causes A Decrease In The Inflammatory Response In comparison To Indirect Inhibition With Heparin
Emory University, Atlanta, GA

BC14. FDG-PET SUVmax Correlates with Increased Expression of Glut1, p53, EGFR, and Ki67 in Patients with Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

BC15. Anatomic Segmentectomy for Stage I Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC): Outcomes Comparison of Individual Segmental Resections vs. Corresponding Lobectomy
Heart, Lung and Esophageal Surgery Institute, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA

BC16. The Change in the maxSUV on Repeat PET Scan After Chemoradiotherapy Identifies Patient with Esophageal Cancer Who are Complete Responders
R. J. Cerfolio*, A. Bryant, A. Talati, T. Winokur.
University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

BC17. Differential Toll-Like Receptor Preconditioning Responses in Lung Ischemia Reperfusion Injury
P. S. Wolf, J. Keech, H. Merry, M. Mulligan*
University of Washington, Seattle, WA

BC18. The Pumpless Extracorporeal Lung Membrane Provides Complete Respiratory Support During Complex Airway Reconstructions Without Inducing Cellular Trauma, Coagulatory and Inflammatory Response
P. Macchiarini, A. Rodriguez, I. Manoli, E. Martinez, D. Sanchez, I. Rovira.
Department of General Thoracic Surgery, Barcelona, Spain

BC19. Long Segment Tracheal Reconstruction With A Composite Cervical Skin Flap Buttressed With Costal Cartilage Provides A Novel Approach For Tracheal Substitute
D. Fabre, F. Koll, E. Fadel, P. G. Dartevelle.
Marie Lannelongue Hospital, Le Plessis Robinson, France

BC20. Tracheal Replacement with Aortic Allograft
P. de Delva, J. C. Wain, D. J. Mathisen.
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

BC21. Gastroduodenal Reflux (GDR) Induces both Expression and Enzyme Activity of Secretory Phospholipase A2 (sPLA2) in a Murine Reflux Model
University of Colorado, Denver, CO

M. J. Russo, R. R. Davies, K. N. Hong, S. Kawut, M. Bacchetta, F. Dovidio, A. Moskowitz, S. Arcasoy, A. Gelins, J. Sonett*
New York Presbyterian/Columbia University, New York, NY

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BC 23. Video-Assisted Lung Cancer Resection Among Medicare Beneficiaries
University of Washington, Seattle, WA,

BC 24. VATS Pulmonary Resection for Lung Cancer: Improved Functional Outcomes compared to Open Techniques
*Providence Cancer Center, Portland, OR, †Earle A Chiles Research Center, Providence Health & Services, Portland, OR, ‡Thoracic & CardioVascular Surgery, The Oregon Clinic, Portland, OR, §Medical Data Research Center, Providence Health & Services, Portland, OR,

BC 25. Length of Stay after Lung Cancer Surgery: Thoracic Surgeons Are Setting the Standard
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD,

BC 26. Expression of LKB1 Tumor Suppressor Determines Sensitivity To 2-deoxyglucose In NSCLC
L. I. Inge, K. D. Coon, E. E. Cwengros, M. A. Smith, R. M. Bremner*.
Heart and Lung Institute, Thoracic Oncology Division, St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ,

BC 27. The Norwood Procedure Utilizing a Right Ventricle to Pulmonary Artery Conduit Promotes Balanced Pulmonary Artery Growth in Infants with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome
J. D. Pruetz, S. Badran, V. A. Starnes*, A. B. Lewis.
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA,

BC 28. Long-term Tricuspid Valve Function Following Norwood Operation
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON, Canada,

BC 29. Total Cavopulmonary Connection Efficiency: Importance of Pulmonary Artery Diameter
*Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, †Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, ‡Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, §Pediatric Cardiology Services, Lawrenceville, GA,

BC 30. Systemic Arteriovenous Fistulae For Endstage Cyanosis Following Cavopulmonary Connection: A Useful Bridge To Transplantation
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON, Canada,

BC 31. A New Chapter in Outcome Analysis for Congenital Heart Surgery: Empirically Based Stratification of Mortality Risk
D. R. Clarke*, S. M. O’Brien*, J. P. Jacobs*, M. L. Jacobs*, F. G. Lacour-Gayet*, K. F. Welke*, B. Maruszewski*, Z. Tobota*, W. J. Miller*, L. Hamilton*, C. Mavroudis*, F. H. Edwards*, †The Children’s Hospital, Denver, CO, ‡Duke Clinical Research Institute, Durham, NC, §The Congenital Heart Institute of Florida (CHIF), Tampa, FL, ¶St. Christopher Hospital for Children, Philadelphia, PA, †The Children’s Hospital Heart Institute, Denver, CO, ‡Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, OR, §Memorial Hospital Child’s Health Centre, Warsaw, Poland, ¶Children’s Memorial Health Institute, Warsaw, Poland, ﬂRho, Inc, Chapel Hill, NC, ¶Freeman Hospital, Tyne, United Kingdom, ‡Children’s Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL, 13University of Florida, Jacksonville, FL,

BC 32. Mid-term Performance of the CryoValve SG Human Decellularized Pulmonary Valve in 342 Patients Compared to the Conventional CryoValve
*Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN, †University of Oklahoma Health Science Center, Oklahoma City, OK, ‡The Children’s Hospital Denver, Denver, CO, §Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, ¶LifeNet Health, Virginia Beach, VA,

BC 33. Decellularization Reduces Calcification While Improving Both Durability and One Year Functional Results of Pulmonary Homograft Valves in Juvenile Sheep
*Cardiovascular Surgery, Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, MO, †LifeNet Health, Virginia Beach, VA,

BC 34. Long-Term Results of Right Ventricular Outflow Tract Reconstruction in Neonatal Cardiac Surgery; Options and Outcomes
Boston Children’s, Boston, MA,

BC 35. Ten-year Experience With Hand-made Trileaflet Polytetrafluoroethylene Valved Conduit Used For Pulmonary Reconstruction
Sakakibara Heart Institute, Tokyo, Japan,
BC 36. Coarctation Repair in Neonates and Young Infants - Is small size still a risk factor?  
The University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT.

BC 37. Neonatal Hypoxia is Associated with Lasting Changes in Left Ventricular Gene Expression: An Animal Model  
D. Del Duca1, G. Wong2, A. Kouremenos3, C. I. Tchervenkov1, C. V. Rohlceck4, T. E. Hebert1.  
1Division of Cardiovascular Surgery, Montreal Children’s Hospital, Montreal, QC, Canada,  
2Department of Physiology, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada,  
3Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada,  
4Division of Cardiology, Montreal Children’s Hospital, Montreal, QC, Canada.

BC 38. Myocardial Dysfunction after Pediatric Cardiac Surgery: Causes, Contributing Factors and a Potential Therapy.  
The Children’s Hospital at Westmead, Sydney, Australia.

Columbia University, New York, NY.

9:15 am Coffee Break – Visit Exhibits

9:50 am SCIENTIFIC SESSION (cont.)  
(10 minutes presentation, 10 minutes discussion)  
Moderators: Gabriel Aldea, University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
John Chen, Hawaii Permanente Medical Group, Honolulu, HI

16.* Critical Preoperative Data Predict the Need for Concurrent LVAD and RVAD Implantation, Avoiding Poor Outcomes Associated with Delayed Conversion of LVAD to BiVAD  
Division of Cardiac Surgery and Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA.

17.* A Prospective, Randomized, Crossover Study of Inhaled Nitric Oxide and Inhaled Prostacyclin in Heart and Lung Transplant Patients  
UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.

18.* Fluorodeoxyglucose PET-CT and Lung Cancer: A Significant Referral Bias Exists  
J. C. Okereke, S. Gangadharan, M. Kent, M. DeCamp*.  
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA.

19. Equalization Of Risk-adjusted In-hospital Mortality For PCI And CABG In California  
J. S. Carey*, B. Danielsen*, B. E. Stabile*.  
1Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, CA,  
2Health Information Solutions, Sacramento, CA.

20. Cardiovascular Surgery In Children With Marfan and Marfan-like Syndromes  
1Primary Children’s Medical Center, Salt Lake City, UT, 2The Children’s Hospital, Denver, CO.

9:15 am C. Walton Lillehei Point/CounterPoint Session

12:00 pm ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
(Members Only)

12:45 pm FAMILY LUNCHEON

7:00 pm PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION AND BANQUET

7:00 pm CHILDREN’S AND TEENS’ BANQUETS

DRESS CODE: The dress code for the Annual Meeting will be Resort Casual. Aloha shirts are fine. Jackets and ties are not required. President’s Reception and Banquet: Resort Casual (Aloha shirts and long pants for the men).
Included in the registration fee for spouses/guests will be the New Members Reception on Wednesday evening, the Luau Theme Dinner on Thursday evening, the Saturday Luncheon, the President’s Reception and Banquet on Saturday evening and daily continental breakfasts (served in the Exhibit Hall for meeting attendees and in the Hospitality Suite for family members).

NEW MEMBERS RECEPTION
Wednesday, June 25th, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Join us in welcoming our new members to the WTSA. The reception will be held at the Crystal Blue Terrace & Point where you will enjoy panoramic sunset views and hopefully catch a glimpse of Kona’s famous “green flash.” See the exciting Manta Rays in the evening as they return to their nearby feeding area just off shore while you say hello to fellow Association members and families. Children ages 5-11 are invited to their own Kids’ Welcome Reception, to be held concurrently with the Adults’ Reception. Native crafts and movies will be among the entertainment offered for kids, along with dinner. Additional cost of $28 per young person ages 5-11 and $40 for ages 12-21.

SAMSON FUN RUN — Thursday, June 26th, 6:00 am
Breath in the scented tropical air and enjoy spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean at sunrise as you glide on foot through the annual Samson Fun Run. Refreshments will be available at the start/finish line. The 5k run is open to all physician attendees, spouses, guests, family members and exhibitor representatives; pre-registration is requested. All participants will receive an official Samson Fun Run T-shirt at the finish line.

Prizes will be presented at the Saturday luncheon.

LUAU THEME DINNER — Thursday, June 26th, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
The Thursday night Luau will be held on the Hawaiian Lawn, surrounded by beautiful lava-rock gardens and tropical vegetation, and boasts a breathtaking view of the golf course and the southern Kona coastline.

Experience the richness of a Hawaiian feast like never before. With lavish theatrics and state-of-the-art production, this traditional luau will connect you to the culture of the islands for a night you will never forget. Using a fusion of both traditional Polynesian and modern dance choreography, the “Gathering of the Kings” retells the story of the settlement of the Pacific. Beginning in a time when the vast, open ocean was yet unchartered, discover how brave people, whose descendants would be called “Polynesians,” carved a path through this ocean thoroughfare to settle one of the most colorful and lively group of islands in the world. Displayed in its fullness is the mana (power) of all the ali‘i (chiefs) and how each would be forever linked to the one star that guided them...the star of gladness we call, Hokule‘a. The “Gathering of the Kings” calls to all mankind, to follow and fulfill their destiny, to bring peace and unity to all. Today, we celebrate our kupuna (ancestors) and the journey they once travelled. Additional cost of $45 per young person ages 5-11 and $75 for ages 12-21.

SATURDAY LUNCHEON — Saturday, June 28th, 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm
Returning to the Crystal Blue Terrace, we’ll enjoy a Hawaiian barbecue where award winners from the golf and tennis tournaments & Samson Fun Run will be presented. Registered physicians, spouses, guests and family members are welcome. Additional cost of $16 per young person ages 5-11 and $28 for ages 12-21.

PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION AND BANQUET
Saturday, June 28th, 7:00 - 11:00 pm
The 34th Annual Meeting will conclude with the Presidential Reception and Banquet in the beautiful Convention Center. Back by popular demand, the Fabulous Pelicans will keep you dancing for hours. Dress code is Resort Casual (Aloha shirts and long pants for the men). Children will be in for their own fun evening with some up close and personal insight into the manta ray experience. The Kids’ Banquet is charged at an additional cost of $28 (5-11 years) and $44 (12-17 years).
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GOLF/TENNIS TOURNAMENTS
(Separate Subscription Required)

GOLF TOURNAMENT — Friday, June 27th, 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Kona Country Club provides the perfect environment for the Annual Golf Tournament. Challenge yourself to a round of championship golf surrounded by spectacular ocean and mountain views. Pre-registration is required with indication of handicap. $175 per person includes greens fees, box lunch, cart and prizes.

TENNIS
Friday, June 27th, 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Tennis Center
Please take time during the Annual Meeting to join us for a tennis tournament. This fun event is a perfect opportunity to mingle with colleagues and meet new friends. Open to all skill levels. Pre-registration is required with indication of level of play. $50 per person includes courts, refreshments and prizes.

FOR KIDS ONLY
Keiki Club Keauhou —
**24-HOUR ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**
Full Day with Lunch
$60 for first child, $40 per additional sibling
Half Day with Lunch
9:00 am - 1:00 pm or 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
$40 for first child, $30 per additional sibling

Young guests are very important to the Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa. Keiki Club Keauhou has been created just for them. Every day they have gobs of activities for children ages 3 to 4 years and children 5 to 12. Mom and Dad won't have to worry if the kids are having any fun...Keiki Club Keauhou is where the Hawai'i that kids dream of comes true. KCK is operated by Hawai'i's own Kama'aina Kids, a professional and fully licensed childcare organization. Keiki Club day camp operates daily from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Children may join for the entire day, or half-days (mornings or afternoons) only. Reduced rates are available for siblings.

So join the Keiki Club Keauhou! The young visitors will love the 2,880 square foot activity center with its big screen TV, totally cool, comfy furniture, video games and arts and crafts center... but it's the outdoors they will explore as well while sharing Hawaiian values, traditions and customs.

Daily Activities at Keiki Club Keauhou include games in the Game Room, Water Activities, pool games in the Manta Ray Super Pool and rides down our Super Slide!

Note: all activities subject to change and weather permitting.

DAY:
Monday    Hula & Lei Making
Tuesday   Petroglyph Crafts
Wednesday Volcanoes
Thursday  Menehune Legends & Footprints
Friday    Hawaiian Journal
Saturday  Plumeria Prints
Sunday    Hawaiian Crafts

Special activities for 3 to 4 year olds might include Manipulatives (using patterning and problem-solving skills), Creative Art, Sensory Table (using sand and water play), and exploration outdoors discovering some of Hawai'i's indigenous bugs, flowers and more.

For our "older" guests, ages 5 to 12, additional activities might include Kite Making, Hawaiian Critter Magnets and Opihi Shell Necklace making.

To make reservations or for more information contact Resort Concierge 808-930-4900

OPTIONAL TOURS/ACTIVITIES
**TO ENSURE TOUR AVAILABILITY, PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2008**

Thursday, June 26, 2007

Fair Wind Big Island Ocean Guide Snack & Snorkel Cruise
Cost: $100.00 for Adults $ 50.00 for (16) years & under

Departs Keauhou Bay at 2:00 pm and Returns at 5:30 pm.
Check-in at 1:30 pm. Bring towels, sunscreen, hat, etc. (storage boxes are available on catamaran)

Depart from Keauhou Bay and take the scenic coastal cruise to Kealakekua Bay. Aboard the Fair Wind II catamaran, sail across the open ocean and enjoy the panoramic views of the remote Kona Coast and the vast scenery atop Fair Wind's upper sun deck. Witness a show of spinning dolphins, flying fish and breaching whales.

Arrive at the Marine Sanctuary of Kealakekua Bay where the crystal clear water beckons everyone to grab a flotation device, don snorkel, mask and fins and dive right in! Even the most anxious of swimmers cannot resist the lure of the abundant marine life playing among the outcroppings of coral and lava rock reefs. The waters are so pristine—often with visibility up to 100 feet—that the view is incredible even from the top deck!

To add to the fun, the young and young-at-heart will want to experience the thrill of Fair Wind's 15-foot water slide and high dive jump. Fair Wind also has flotation devices with viewfinders and separate view finder boxes for toddlers to watch the fun below without getting faces wet.

A snack of tropical fruit and Kona potato chips are served on the cruise back to Keauhou Bay.

Registration Required: Please check the appropriate box on your registration form
ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

With so much to see and do on the big island, the Sheraton Keauhou Bay Concierge Services will be there to help you make the most of your precious time. Whether for sight seeing, dining reservations, child care, or tour and activity reservations, the concierge will gladly assist you to make your stay a memorable experience.

Be sure to utilize the concierge services by contacting them directly at 808-930-4900 or by visiting them on the lobby level upon your arrival.

SHERATON KEAUHOU BAY RESORT & SPA

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Historic Kona Walking Tour
Experience Kailua's colorful past on this leisurely, 75-minute walking tour through one of the most historic areas in the state. Visit King Kamehameha's last seat of government, Ahuena Heiau – a restored temple first built in the 1500s, the first Christian church in the Sandwich Islands (constructed in 1837), and Hulihe'e Palace, the summer palace of Hawaiian royalty. Tours depart from Kailua Village. Call for availability.

Historic Kona Coffee Working Farm Tour
The 1-hour Living History Tour lets you interact with costumed interpreters as you explore the everyday life of a Japanese family on the historic Uchida Coffee Farm, which operates as it did during the early 1900s. The tour is offered Monday through Friday, on the hour from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cup of Kona VIP Tour
This amazing tour commences in a luxurious, 7-seat Lincoln Navigator, taking you through historic places like Pu'uhonua National Park and Ho' Motoro Corridor, all the way to fertile coffee plantations, Painted Church, and stops for lunch at the Coffee Shack. You'll also learn about the complete process of growing world-famous Kona Coffee. Lunch, snacks and cold drinks included on this 5-6 hour tour. Times vary.

Circle Island Land Tour
Experience the wonders and excitement of the Big Island. We'll take you from coffee country through lush, tropical rain forests, all the way to the rim of awesome Kī'aua caldera. You'll enjoy panoramic views. Return by way of Parker Ranch and the Ha'ma'ako Coast. This highly personalized scenic tour is fully narrated by specially trained driver/guides and features numerous stops. Join us for an experience you'll long remember! Wear comfortable shoes and bring a light jacket. Includes admission to the Volcano. Lunch not included. Daily. Times vary. VIP Circle Island tours and custom tours also available.

Hualalai Volcano Adventure
Treat your family to one of the most remarkable sights in the world: the inner-workings of a volcano. You'll visit a hidden world of volcanic majesty at 6,000 feet, high above Kailua-Kona, in the privately owned lands of Kau'puhelu. You'll see coastal lava fields give way to dense tropical rainforests, and then set off on a short, yet rugged four-wheel drive to the trailhead. Once on-site, amidst the cool mountain air, your Interpretive Naturalist will lead you on a discovery of deep craters, lava tubes, Ohia forests and magnificent views. Not recommended for children under seven. Short walk of two miles over uneven rocky terrain and short climbs. Snacks, beverages and day-packs included. 5-hour tour begins at HFT Headquarters, located 15 minutes from the hotel. Morning and afternoon tours every day.

Java Jolt Express Bicycle Tour
If you prefer a leisurely bike tour, this is the trip for you. Cruise through lush coffee country with gorgeous descents (no climbing). Stops at a local coffee mill and the Pu'uhonua o Ho'naunau National Park (City of Refuge) make this experience as educational as it is fun. Enjoy lunch at the City of Refuge before returning by bike or shuttle to the hotel. Additional bike tours available for more experienced riders.

Kī'aua Volcano Hiking Adventure
The creation of the Hawaiian island chain, a timeless battle between the elemental forces of fire and water, is one of the world's greatest natural history stories. There's no better place on earth to witness and understand the awesome nature of volcanoes than in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. And there is no better way to explore the park than in the company of one of our Interpretive Naturalists. We'll show you the "must see" places within the Park while you learn about their geological and historic significance. Join us on a journey that Frommer's Guide to Hawaii says... "May very well be the highlight of your vacation." Recipient of the 2002 "Keep It Hawai'i" Merit Award. Involves easy to moderate hiking. Morning snack, lunch, day-pack and walking stick included. Tour days vary. 12-hour tour.

Waipi'o Valley
The land of curving Water is one of the scenic wonders of Hawai'i. Experience one of the most verdant valleys and wander through the meandering rivers that flow between the taro patches until they lose
themselves in the breathtaking surf at the ocean’s edge. Witness the magnificent waterfalls as they cascade 1,200 feet down to the valley floor. This six-mile valley site between 2,000-foot high cliffs and offers a mesmerizing view unique to all Hawai'i. Experience one of nature’s wonders by 4-wheel drive, wagon ride or horseback.

Paniolo Horseback Ride and Picnic

The 11,000 acre Ponoholo Ranch offers exceptional open range horseback riding opportunities! The ranch covers 3 climate zones from the rainforest at 4,800 feet to the ocean at sea level. Your experienced wranglers will choose one of several unforgettable locations for your picnic ride. Possible picnic locations include a lovely spot among the ironwood and Ohia trees which are in bloom in the Spring and Summer. Or you may picnic near ancient Hawaiian ruins surrounded by pu’us (volcanic cinder cones). All picnic spots have incredible views of coastline, the ocean and major volcanoes. Your picnic lunch includes a deli meat or vegetarian sandwich on whole grain bread, chips, fruit, home made cookie and bottled water or soda. The Picnic Ride is suitable for beginner, intermediate and expert riders, who can walk, trot or canter depending on their experience level. Check-in:12:30 p.m. Three hour ride including lunch. Apx: 45 minutes to one hour from hotel.

Flum’in da Ditch

You can almost hear the laughter of generations daring Hawaiians who ‘flumed da ditch’ on this wet and wonderful guided kayak ride through the old flumes of Kohala. No experience necessary to enjoy this unique adventure for the entire family, although the minimum age is five years old. Includes: guided kayak through tunnels, flumes and open ditches, as well as snacks and beverages. Departs Flum’in Headquarters, located 1 hour and 15 minutes from hotel. Morning: 8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Afternoon: 12:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Daily.

Private Helicopter Waterfall Landing Excursion

In this once-in-a-lifetime experience you’ll fly over an active volcano and escape to your own private paradise, inaccessible by land. Imagine landing in an idyllic tropical setting to explore your own private waterfall... then indulging in a gourmet picnic shaded by lush trees, along side a 400-foot waterfall. Perfect for a family outing or romantic getaway. Bring bathing suit and towel. Departs from Kea’hole Airport – Kona. A 3-hour event. Check on timing and availability. Charter tours may be arranged from Keauhou Landing Pad – additional fees will apply.

Volcano and Waterfall Helicopter Tour

Witness the awesome power of Kīlauea Volcano first-hand as you travel to the latest volcanic hot-spot. Experience the volcanic rebirth of the Island as well as the waterfalls of the Waikuku River. Daily from Hilo Airport. A 50-minute tour. Tour also available for Kea’hole Airport. Charter tours may be arranged from Kea’hole Landing Pad – additional fees will apply.

Volcano Circle Island Fixed Wing Air Tour

This popular 2-hour flight explores all of Hawai‘i’s hidden treasures, starting with the Captain Cook Monument, Miloli‘i (Hawai‘i’s last native fishing village), and South Point. Then on to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, with the active volcano (Pu‘u ‘O‘o), Hilo Bay, ‘Akaka Falls, and up the Hā’ma‘ka Coast to the spectacular Waipio, Waimanu and Pololū valleys. Finally on to Parker Ranch, returning via the Kohala Coast. Includes: two-way stereo system, guaranteed window seats, high wing aircraft for great viewing. Departs from Kea’hole Airport in Kona. Many tours daily.

Parasail

Witness the grandeur of Hawai‘i as you glide above the sparkling Pacific on a parasailing adventure. Participants are on the boat for approximately 1 hour, with a maximum of six passengers. Hydraulic winches ensure safe and dry landings. There is no age requirement, but participants must weigh at least 120 lbs. to fly alone and maximum weight limit is 350 lbs. for single or tandem. Early Bird Specials available. Flights available between 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Check-in: UFO Office Kailua Pier in downtown Kona.
Scuba Diving
Explore the clear-blue waters around the Big Island on this unforgettable excursion. With over 30 great sites to choose from, you’re bound to find the adventure for you. We offer guided boat dives with small groups. Includes: mask, snorkel, fins, tank, weights, juice, water, and snacks. Departs Keauhou Bay Pier daily. 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Additional times may be arranged.

Fishing Expedition
The Big Island is one of the best deep-sea fishing locations in the world, where deep waters are home to a myriad of sport fish including Marlin, Ahi (Yellow Fin Tuna), Ono (Wahoo), Mahimahi and Aku (Bonito). Experienced captains share their knowledge of the local waters on this action-packed day of world-class fishing. Many charter companies are available. Prices vary, as do boat size and amenities. Boats have six-passenger maximums and include all fishing bait and gear. Boats depart from Honokōhau Harbor. Bring your own food and beverage (no bananas).

Manta Snorkel Experience
Enjoy an afternoon sail with delicious pupus before anchoring to view a spectacular sunset. As the sun dips into the sea, you will follow, to swim with and observe the island’s mesmerizing manta rays as they feed. This is truly a one-of-a-kind experience that you and your family will not want to miss. Check-in: Keauhou Bay. Seasonal. Times and days vary.

Sunset and Manta Ray Night Dive
For the scuba diver, the thrilling manta dive is offered on a separate dive boat featuring a dive light. Juice and snacks included. Times vary. Seasonal. Days vary.

Evening at Kahua Ranch
Join us for an evening on an historic 8,500 acre working ranch, located 3,200 feet above sea level in the stunning Kohala Mountains. The Kahua Ranch provides a unique and exciting experience including lively entertainment and storytelling around the campfire. The tour includes a fully narrated trip along Highway 19, climbing to the town of Waimea, then along Highway 250 through the rolling hills and breathtaking scenery of the Kohala Mountains. History comes alive as we share stories of the area and the arrival of Paniolos (Hawaiian cowboys). The evening includes a ranch barbeque celebration including Paniolo entertainment featuring singing, horse-shoe throwing, roping, darts and a marshmallow roast under the stars. An open bar features local Kona beer, wine, and soft drinks. Fun for the entire family. Roundtrip transportation included.

Mauna Kea Summit Tour
The summit of Mauna Kea is renowned as the world’s greatest astronomical observing site and one of Hawai‘i’s most sacred cultural sites. On this fascinating tour you’ll learn about the remarkable changes our island has experienced, and stop at a historic ranch outpost for a hot picnic dinner. After dinner, make your way to the top of the world’s tallest volcano for a sensational sunset amidst the largest collection of telescopes on Earth. Afterward you’ll enjoy a world-class star-gazing show. Daily Check-in at Hawaii Forest and Trail: 2:45 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Morning Rafting Adventure
Explore the historic Kona coast and discover hidden sea caves and lava tubes in a high-speed, rigid hull inflatable raft. Your journey takes you to Honaunau Bay at the Place of Refuge, where you may snorkel the premier Marine sanctuary – home to many species of fish, eels, turtles and coral. Enjoy whale watching and spinner dolphin sightings in season. Includes snorkel gear, instruction and snacks. Afternoon adventures also available. Depart from Keauhou Bay Pier; Check-in: 7:45 a.m. Prices and tour vary depending on availability of raft company. Afternoon excursions are also available.

Early-Riser Dolphin Quest Kayak Tour
Greet the day on this thrilling kayak adventure in search of spinner dolphins. Includes a 2-hour introduction to paddling and snorkeling. Every Tuesday. Check-in: 7:00 a.m. Fun for the whole family.
Keauhou Sea Cave Kayak Adventure
This mesmerizing kayak tour promises a fun-filled morning of cliff jumping and snorkeling. Snacks and snorkel gear included. Departs for Keauhou Bay Monday-Saturday. Check-in: 8:15 a.m. (Except Tuesdays: 9:15 a.m.)

Dolphin Snorkel Experience
This adventure is a wonderful half-day out on the Hawaiian waters. We know where the dolphins come in from hunting all night and rest. If they are at rest when we spot them, we will stay back at a distance. When they start jumping and spinning and are on the move is when they like to have interaction with humans. If the conditions are right our snorkelers are able to enter the water with the dolphins and watch them doing their underwater acrobatics. It is truly a memory that will last a lifetime! After snorkeling with the dolphins there are several areas where we snorkel above the Coral Reefs and are able to observe the many types of tropical fish. There are several secluded beaches that we may go to swim to shore and enjoy fresh water pools. This is a small six-passenger vessel with canopy. Tour includes: Snorkel Gear, light lunch and snacks. Daily: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Departs from Honoko‘hau Harbor.

Submarine Adventure
Allow Atlantis Submarines to show you the 96% of Kona you can’t see any other way. Treat yourself to Kona’s most beautiful and captivating scenery, habitats, and isolated treasures. Enjoy an unforgettable 35-minute journey aboard an Atlantis 48-passenger submarine, as featured in National Geographic television specials. Travel in air-conditioned comfort and safety as you explore a 25-acre natural coral reef and marvel its marine inhabitants! Entire tour, including boat shuttle to submarine, is 90 minutes. Check-in 30 minutes prior to tour at Submarine Ticket Office in Kona. Tour times; 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Kealakekua Bay Snorkel & Hike Hawaii
This trip is for those who want to combine their love of a backcountry trek with superb snorkeling. Daypack, snacks, beverages, ice, snorkeling gear and guide are included in the price. The hike involves a 1500’ climb, but the extra effort will be rewarded with beautiful ocean vistas, sweeping pali panoramas and tropical terrain! The round trip distance is 5.5 miles and total hiking time is about 2.5 - 3.5 hours. The terrestrial portion of the trip is punctuated by an hour of refreshing snorkeling in the warm, blue waters of Hawai‘i. After the hour of relaxation in the water, we prepare for the uphill return trip. Meet at Hiking/Kayaking Headquarters 20 minutes south of hotel. Tour time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. For groups of 4 or more hotel pick-up is included at 7:30 a.m. from the lobby. This is a strenuous hike.

Blue Lagoon Hike
This hike takes you to one of the most scenic areas on the Kona Coast. An easy and enjoyable hike for people of all ages and abilities, you will hike on fairly flat terrain for about 1/2 hour before arriving at a bay featuring turtles, an ocean fed lake, and a blue lagoon. Swimsuits are recommended to take advantage of the opportunity to swim at this amazingly beautiful lagoon. Cameras are highly recommended to capture the postcard like vistas that abound at this location. Daypack, snacks/drinks and guide are included. Meet at location 20 minutes North of Kea‘hole Airport. Tour time: 8:00 a.m. – Noon. For groups of four or more hotel pick-up is included at 7:30 a.m. from the hotel lobby.

Waterfall Hike
Full day trip to Hilo side walking ‘Akaka Fall trail, visiting Rainbow Falls and short stop at Volcano National Park. Includes drinks, snacks, transportation, pack and guide. Akaka Falls, located on the windward side of the island, is a popular destination for many visiting the Big Island. Offering beautiful rain forest views along the easy 45-minute walk, dramatic ‘Akaka Falls is the highlight of the hike. Easy Hike.
### TRAVEL INFORMATION

**Transferring from the Airport to Sheraton**

Attendees will need to schedule their own transportation from the airport to the hotel. The hotel is located approximately 15 miles from Kona International Airport at Keahole.

**Car Rentals:**
The WTSA has arranged discounted car rental through Avis Rent a Car. Call 1-800-331-1600 and refer to AWD Number: D005897. Avis also has a rental agency located at the Kona International Airport at Keahole and this discount applies toward any car rented there, as well. The discount applies beginning June 20 and to July 4.

All major rental agencies are available at Kona International Airport at Keahole. Contact information is as follows for each:

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**From Airport (North)**

Upon leaving the airport, make a right onto Highway 19 Queen Kaahumanu Highway south. Continue straight through about 12-14 traffic lights. Turn right on Kamehameha III Road. At second traffic light turn left on Alii Drive. Continue driving straight. You will pass Kona Country Club. Look for a big green sign on right reads “Keauhou Bay Next Right.” Turn right on Kaleiopapa Street, Go down to the bay. The Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa is the second resort on the left.

*If you reached the barrier, you went a quarter of a mile too far*

**Taxi Cabs:** There are taxi cabs available curbside at the airport that can take you to the hotel for around $45.00-$65.00 one-way. The price is dependent on time of day, number of passengers and the amount of luggage.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**The Annual Meeting is open to all duly qualified physicians and guests. It is policy of the Western Thoracic Surgical Association that all physicians and guests pay the full registration fee for the meeting.**

To pre-register for the meeting, please complete the enclosed registration form and return with appropriate fees to the Association’s Office by Monday, June 16, 2008. After June 16th, participants may register on site at the WTSA Annual Meeting Registration Area.

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT – REGISTER BY FRIDAY, MAY 23RD TO RECEIVE $50 OFF THE STANDARD FEE.**

Tickets will be required for admittance to all social functions.

**REGISTRATION FEE**
The meeting attendee registration fee includes the New Members’ Reception on Wednesday evening, Luau Theme Dinner on Thursday evening, Saturday luncheon, and President’s Reception and Banquet on Saturday evening, plus daily continental breakfasts and coffee breaks.

Family registration fee is per person and offers the following optional events: Wednesday’s New Members’ Reception/Kids’ Reception, Thursday Theme Dinner, Saturday Luncheon, President’s Reception and Banquet OR Teens and Kids Banquets on Saturday evening, and daily continental breakfast in the Hospitality Suite. All children in attendance must be registered.

**CANCELLATION DEADLINE**
The deadline for pre-registration is Monday, June 16, 2008. All requests for cancellations and refunds must be received in writing by Monday, June 16, 2008 and will be subject to a $50.00 administrative fee. No refunds will be made after June 16, 2008.
HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

2 Easy Ways to Make Your Hotel Reservations
Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa, crowning an ancient lava flow cascading into the waters along Hawai'i's Big Island, offers everything from rejuvenating spa treatments in their open-air facilities, to expansive views of the dramatic Kona coastline.

Guests can experience famous Kona town, shop at the adjacent Keauhou Shopping center, or experience any of countless activities that range from lava hunting to swimming with the Keauhou manta rays. While the many attractions and natural wonders of the Big Island will certainly tempt, guests may find the multi-level fantasy pool and Manta Ray Super Slide & Pool to be the most alluring. Located at the center of the resort, this large fresh-water pool includes a small man-made beach, the island's largest waterslide, whirlpool spas, and children's play area.

www.westernthoracic.org  866-716-8109

Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa
78-128 Ehukai Street
Kailua-Kona, Island of Hawaii, Hawaii 96740
Tel: 808-930-4900   Fax: 808-930-4800

(Please be sure to reserve under WTSA when making a reservation by phone)

ROOM RESERVATIONS
On behalf of the Western Thoracic Surgical Association, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa. The rates are as follows:

Deluxe Partial Ocean View Single/Double Room
$179.00 plus 4.16% sales tax and a 7.25% rooms transient tax

Deluxe Ocean view Single/Double Room
$189.00 plus 4.16% sales tax and a 7.25% rooms transient tax

Rollaways are at a charge of $75.00 per night. Children under 18 may stay for free in their parent's room using existing bedding.

Please be sure to indicate you are part of the WTSA room block. These rates will be honored, June 22- July 1, 2008, if rooms are available in the WTSA block. Hotel Block Cutoff: Sunday, June 1, 2008.

To hold a reservation and receive a confirmation, an advance deposit equal to the first and last nights' stay is required. All deposits will be charged at the time the reservation is made.

Check-In Time: 3:00 pm
Check-Out Time: 12:00 pm

EARLY DEPARTURE/CANCELLATION POLICY
In an effort to curb hotel attrition fees incurred by the Association, the WTSA has implemented a policy regarding hotel deposits. With the establishment of this policy we believe that the Association will be able to continue to keep the costs of the annual meeting at a reasonable level, allowing more of the Western families to attend each year.

An advance deposit equal to the first and last night of your stated reservation will be required to hold a reservation and receive a confirmation. All deposits will be charged at the time the reservation is made. Cancellations or changes to the reservation made prior to the cancellation date may be made without charge to the individual. Should a change in reservation occur after the cancellation deadline that results in a reduction of room nights, (including early departure), the total 2-night deposit will be forfeited. Additional Administration fees may be imposed by the hotel for cancellations.

SPECIAL NEEDS
If you require special accommodations in order to fully participate in the meeting, please contact the Association's Administrative Offices at 978-927-8330.
WTSA 34th ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Name: ____________________________
Hospital/Affiliation: ____________________________
Address: ______________________________________
City: __________________ State: ________ Zip Code: ________ Country: ________
E-Mail: __________________ Telephone: ___________ Fax: ___________

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No charge for children ages 4 & under

TOTAL FEES: Registration: $__________ Family Registration: $__________ Events/Tours: $__________
TOTAL DUE: ____________________________ Please charge to the following credit card, or see the enclosed check:

☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Check (Enclosed)
Credit Card Number: ________________________ Exp. Date: ____________ Security Code: ____________

Signature: __________________________
Name As It Appears on Credit Card: __________________________
Billing Address of Card Holder (If not the same as above): __________________________

☐ If you have a disability which requires special needs or accommodations, please check here and you will be contacted by the Association's Administrative Offices.

*All requests for refunds must be received in writing by June 16, 2008. Requests received after the date will not be honored unless a special request is forwarded to the Secretary/Treasurer. All refunds are subject to a $50.00 cancellation fee.

Please send this form to: WTSA, 900 Cummings Center, Suite 221-U, Beverly, MA 01915, Fax: 978-524-0498