

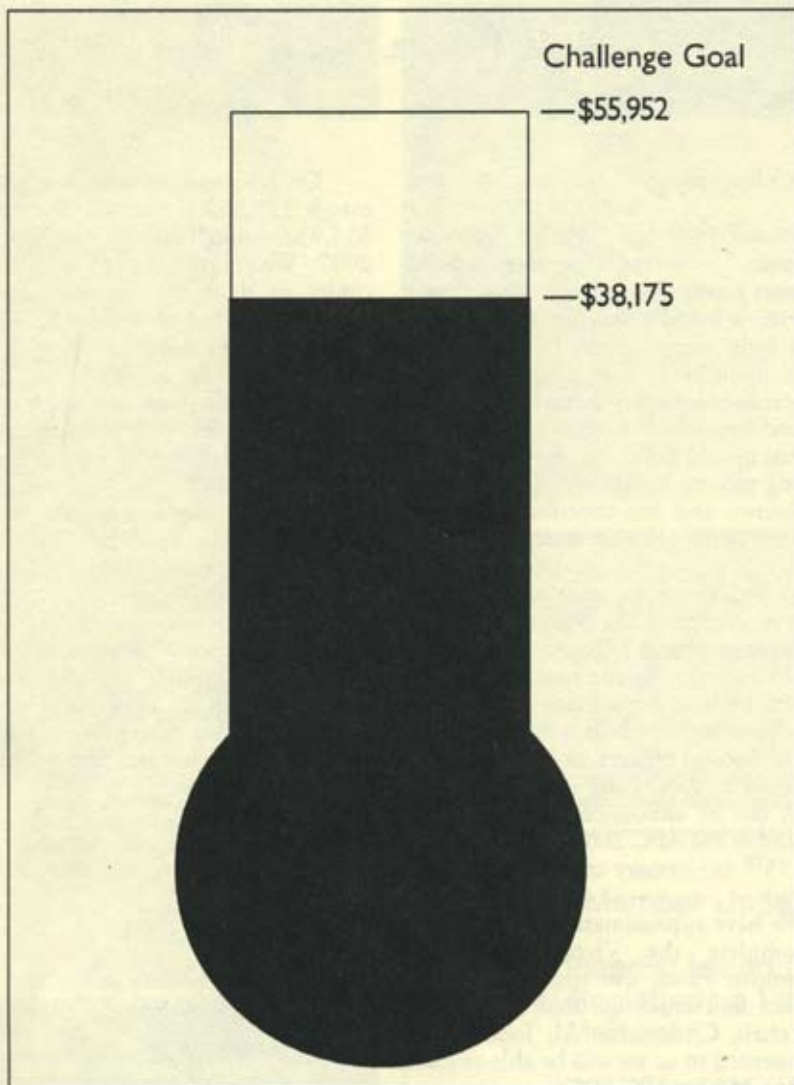


# Neufeld Society Newsletter

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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE OF LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

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**VIRCHEL E. WOOD FUND**  
Christopher M. Jobe '75-aff Challenge Update  
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## From the President

by Thomas R. Burgdorff '74

Dear Colleagues:

Several years ago, Wilfred Snodgrass '38, wrote, "... we are all partners in building Loma Linda. Universities grow slowly: a picture, a book, a specimen, a building, here a little, there a little, line upon line, precept upon precept; an institution grows and becomes a mighty force for all that is tried and beautiful in human society. Every alumnus should feel that somewhere in that building process, he has exerted his personal influence and has contributed at least one brick to the growing structure."

As you know, together we have been trying to complete the Virchel E. Wood Endowment Fund sponsored by the Neufeld Society. We are nearing the goal; however, we have a few more bricks to add to the "growing" fund. It is the wish of the Neufeld Society officers to have this fund completed by APC 2007 so that the completion can be announced at our symposium and at the APC 2007 banquet, which is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration year.

We have approximately \$111,850 left to complete the Virchel E. Wood Endowment Fund, and with the personal influence and challenge that our department chair, Christopher M. Jobe '75-aff, has presented to us we will be able to reach the \$111,850 by APC 2007.

Dr. Jobe and his wife have pledged to match \$55,952 if we raise the remaining \$55,952 through gifts and pledges by APC 2007. We as orthopaedists have the opportunity to show our appreciation to our friend and colleague, Virchel E. Wood '60, by putting his named fund over the top by APC 2007. In addition, we have the opportunity to show our appreciation to our chair and his wife by "stepping up to the plate" and doing our part in adding the necessary bricks for the ever-growing structure (the orthopaedics department of LLU) to complete this fund by APC 2007. To date we have raised \$38,175 toward the \$55,952 challenge goal.

As you know, the fund will facilitate Dr. Wood through the department of orthopaedics in his hand research and publications and will also provide funding, as needed, for graphic and photo illustrations related to his work.

Thank you for your support! Join me in this effort as we together accept this challenge!

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**Come to APC 2007 ...**  
**... Celebrating the Diamond Jubilee**  
**Orthopaedic Surgery Symposium**  
**Ronald W. Hillock, MD - Program Chair**

**Orthopaedic  
Surgery**

*ORTHOPAEDIC ONCOLOGY*

- 8:00 **Welcome & Introduction**  
Ronald W. Hillock, MD  
Christopher M. Jobe, MD
- 8:05 **Musculoskeletal Oncology  
& Limb Salvage Surgery**  
Ronald W. Hillock, MD
- 8:35 **Benign Lesions of Bone**  
Ronald W. Hillock, MD
- 9:25 **Metastatic Lesions in Bone**  
Ronald W. Hillock, MD
- 10:15 **BREAK**
- 10:30 **HAROLD BOYD LECTURE**  
**Orthopedic Oncology:  
A Retrospective Review  
of Limb Salvage Surgery  
of The Last 25 Years**  
Jeffrey J. Eckardt, MD
- 12:00 **LUNCH**
- 1:00 **Neoplasms of the Hand**  
Barry E. Watkins, MD
- 1:50 **Giant Cell Tumor of Bone**  
Jeffrey J. Eckardt, MD
- 2:40 **Misses & Near Misses: Why  
Pathologists Make Mistakes  
In Mesenchymal Pathology**  
Scott Nelson, MD
- 3:30 **BREAK**
- 3:45 **Basic Science of Sarcoma  
& Cancer: Update on  
Recent Developments &  
Research**  
Nathan Wall, PhD
- 4:35 **Imaging of Bone Neoplasms  
& Pitfalls**  
Ingrid Kjellin, MD
- 5:05 **Adjourn**

**Become a life member  
in 2007!**

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Alexander Chien MD
- 9:20 **BREAK**
- 9:35 **Pediatric Oncology: Update**  
Fae Majlessipour, MD
- 10:15 **Management of Early Breast  
Cancer & Bone Metastasis**  
Hamid Mirshahidi, MD
- 11:00 **Adjournment**

Membership Update as of  
January 31, 2007  
Annual Members  
10  
Life Members  
67

**2006 Life Member Update**  
**One orthopaedist joined the  
Neufeld Society as a Life  
Member:**

**William P. Bunnell, MD**

**Virchel E. Wood '60**  
**A 2004 recipient of the**  
**Loma Linda University**  
**Distinguished Service Award**

Virchel Wood earned the MD degree from Loma Linda University in 1960. His orthopaedic surgery residency at Worchester City Hospital in Massachusetts was followed by two hand fellowships—one under the supervision of Dr. Robert Carroll at Harlem Hospital in New York, and one under the guidance of Dr. Adrian Flatt at the University of Iowa.

After serving in the United States Army and later operating a private practice in the state of Washington, Dr. Wood returned to Loma Linda University in 1971 to join the faculty of the School of Medicine's department of orthopaedic surgery. He is currently professor of orthopaedic surgery and consulting chief for the hand surgery service. In 1974 he initiated the hand fellowship program, one of the first of its kind to be accredited by the accreditation council for Graduate Medical Education. Seventy trainees have graduated from this program during its 30-year history.

Dr. Wood has brought great international prestige to Loma Linda University through publications, teaching, research, visiting professorships, and guest lectureships. He has published 13 book chapters and more than 120 articles. In 1999 the President's Council of Loma Linda University's Alumni Association named him Honored Alumnus; and he was chosen 1996 Alumnus of the Year by the Neufeld Society of Loma Linda University. In 1995 the American Society for Surgery of the

Hand honored him as the "Most Frequently Cited Author in Congenital Hand Literature for the Past 50 Years." In 1994 and 1995 he was presented with the outstanding faculty researcher award by the Walter E. Macpherson Society of Loma Linda University School of Medicine. He was the recipient of Loma Linda University School of Medicine's Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award in 1973.

Dr. Wood is a founding member of the International Congenital Hand Anomalies Study Group. From 1982 to 1990 he served as associate editor of the Journal of Hand Surgery (American).

In addition to his academic pursuits, Dr. Wood has enlarged his sphere of influence through the publication of religious articles—30 of which have appeared in Seventh-day Adventist publications. In 1998, the National Library of Poetry selected one of his published poems to receive the Editor's Choice. Since 1990, he has served as curator of the gems and minerals division of the World Museum at La Sierra University in Riverside, California.

In recognition of more than three decades of service as a teacher, administrator, and pioneer in his profession, Loma Linda University presented to Dr. Wood the University Distinguished Service Award during the School of Medicine Ceremonies.

**Accept the challenge.**  
**Let's complete the**  
**Woody Fund**  
**by APC 2007!**