The 64th Annual Piedmont Orthopaedic Society meeting was held at The Sanctuary, Kiawah Island, South Carolina, from May 11 to 14, 2016. Hosted by cochairmen Frank and Karen Aluisio and Greg and Mary Mac Motley, superb efforts provided an engaging scientific meeting with a variety of social events at the beautiful resort venue. With 94 members and their guests, the total 242 in attendance made this year’s meeting the largest in Piedmont history!

The program represented all subspecialties, as well as updates on the effects of the practice of Orthopaedics in the era of health care reform and emerging technologies. In the first meeting since his untimely passing, Brian Brigman provided a heartfelt tribute to our dearly missed, fearless leader, William T (“the ROCK”) Hardaker. Presentations were also given by current residents in attendance: Erika Templeton, Robert Henderson, and Julie Neumann, recipients of the William T. Hardaker, Jr. Residents’ Fellowship; Daniel Mangiapani and Julia Visgauss, recipients of the Ralph Coonrad Fellowship; and Megan Crosmer and Patrick Millikan, recipients of the Duke Orthopaedic Piedmont Fellowship. The meeting concluded with the comedic presentation by Steve Poletti, of this year’s Honored Guest, James A. Nunley, II, past Chair of the Department of Orthopaedics at Duke. Dr Nunley’s speech “41 and Still Counting” was an inspiration to all, and recounted his tremendous career and contribution to the Orthopaedic Department, including its independence from the Department of Surgery.

The social program was full of activities for members and their families, including golfing, fishing, skeet shooting, tennis, swimming, relaxing poolside, and enjoying the beautiful sandy beaches. Evening gatherings included cocktail hours overlooking the ocean, an oyster bake with pounds of fresh fire roasted local oysters, the 7th Annual Texas Hold’em poker tournament, and dancing through the night at the Saturday formal to the fantastic “All In One” band. The recipients of the coveted scientific awards were: Steve Poletti – Chairman’s Award; Matt Chapman –Piedmont Pitcher; Ben Alman – Kelley Award; Keith Berend – Minotaur Award; Michael Hayes – Longest Traveler.

On behalf of the residents in attendance, we would like to thank the Piedmont Orthopaedic Society and the donors who made our participation in this year’s meeting possible. The highlight of our trip was being able to spend time with the group, catching up with members we know, meeting the legendary members we may not have met before, and partaking in the legacy and comradery that the Piedmont organization exemplifies. We know that future residents that attend will have a similarly amazing experience, and we look forward to returning as members in the future!