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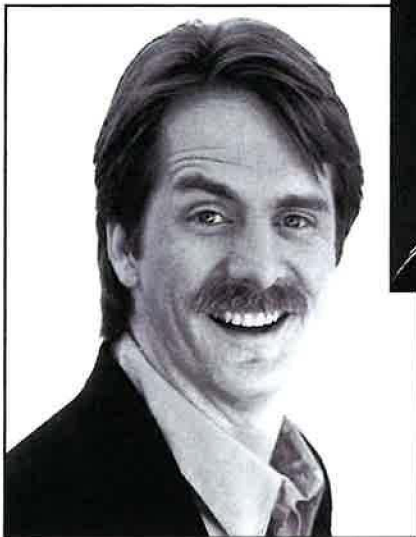
Grammy award-winning singer Kenny Rogers, comedian Jeff Foxworthy, and the rock n'roll band Brooze Brothers headline the ACAAI Annual Meeting, Nov. 12-17.

An evening with Kenny Rogers

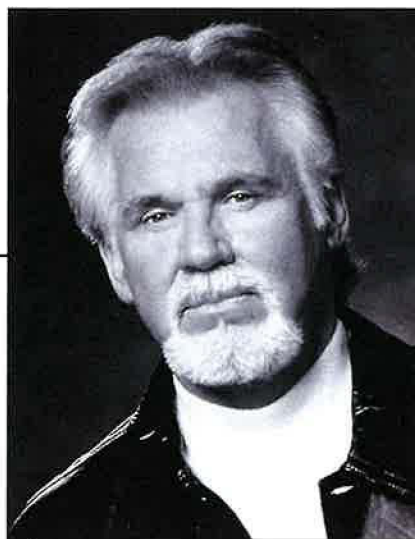
Superstar Kenny Rogers will perform at the ACAAI Fundraising Dinner Dance, Sunday, Nov. 14.

The reception and performance are sponsored by a grant from Schering/ Key. Support for the dinner is provided by grants from Glaxo Wellcome, Hoechst Marion Roussel, Merck US Human Health, Schering/Key and Sepracor, Inc.

Rogers has achieved the amazing distinction of selling over 100 million records worldwide. He received four Grammy Awards, 11 People's Choice Awards, five Country Music Associa-



Jeff Foxworthy



Kenny Rogers

tion Awards and eight Academy of Country Music Awards. Kenny Rogers' live show has always been a mainstay of his success and he is known as a master of crowd banter. He brings a sense of humor, warmth and spontaneity to all of his personal appearances, packing three decades of hits into his performance. His hit song, "The Gambler" spawned the longest mini-series in the history of television, with his portrayal of Brady Hawkes. Other famous hit songs include: "She Believes In Me," "You Decorated My Life," "Through The Years," "Lady" and "Lucille." Rogers made television appearances in "Christmas From the Heart," "The Real West," "Doctor Quinn Medicine Woman," "Evening Shade" and "Cybill."

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Free Internet access available to ACAAI members

Free, unlimited Internet access is now available to all ACAAI members.

Beginning this month, College members can connect to the Internet to send and receive e-mail, browse the World Wide Web and download web documents. The savings is about \$20 per month or \$240 per year, the fee typically paid for consumer Internet service.

The new ACAAI member benefit, **Doctors' Net Access for Allergists (DNA)**, is a professional on-line service

designed specifically for allergy-immunology specialists.

ACAAI members are receiving in the mail this month an introduction to DNA, with information on how to obtain a CD-ROM for installing the Internet access program on PC personal computers.

In addition to the free Internet access, DNA includes a home page and a menu specifically designed for the professional interests of allergists. The menu orga-

nizes and provides rapid access to the vast array of allergy and general medicine resources on the Internet. A physicians' forum is included.

DNA uses the latest Microsoft Internet Explorer browser with an easy-to-use interface. It also offers the general services of a consumer on-line service, including e-mail, web search engines, and other consumer services such as news, weather, sports information and a personalized stock portfolio. Technical

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College focus on public and member education

by Dr. Robert M. Miles

As you are now aware from Drs. Donald Aaronson's and Bill Busse's letters, the AAAAI's plan to consider withdrawing from the Joint Council of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (JCAAI) and bringing their activities in-house has caused concern among many members.



Dr. Miles

Indeed, we received letters and calls from ACAAI members as well as from non-members who, misinterpreting this action, questioned "our" decision to abandon the JCAAI.

The ACAAI has no intention of abandoning support of the JCAAI. We have always supported the Joint Council in the past, support it now and will continue to support it in the future – whether it's jointly with our sister organization or alone.

We feel strongly that the JCAAI represents the best interests of the clinical allergist. JCAAI's work was succinctly summarized in Dr. Aaronson's letter. The ACAAI Board of Regents believes JCAAI provides an invaluable service to all practicing allergists as well as to academic-based allergists.

However, only about 45 percent of certified allergists belong to the JCAAI. We can and should do better than this! The

JCAAI needs the support of every allergist to have a strong voice. I challenge you to organize campaigns at your state, local and regional A/I societies to recruit new Joint Council members. Our subspecialty's future existence, as well as appropriate reimbursement for your work, rests with its lobbying efforts.

Annals Online

In July, the ACAAI will achieve another milestone. The *Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology* will go on the web site. Complete on-line articles will be free to members, made possible through an unrestricted grant from Sepracor, Inc. Please remember to thank your Sepracor representative for their generous support of the Annals on-line.

Regional Meeting Pilot

Dr. Bettina Hilman organized the first regional meeting pilot program in conjunction with the Louisiana Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Society (LAAIS) meeting, June 25-27, in New Orleans. Pediatric, internal medicine and Med/Ped residents from five states in the Louisiana area were invited to attend as guests of ACAAI. The residents were all enthusiastic and a pleasure to meet.

The ACAAI owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. Hilman, LAAIS President Dr. Benjamin B. Close, an ACAAI Fellow, and FIT Regional Representative Dr. Roland Solensky for making this pilot project a major success.

Dr. Solensky contacted residents and answered questions about his fellowship experience and goals. I personally congratulate the LAAIS for the superb scientific program Dr. Close orchestrated. There could not have been a better scientific program for residents to attend.

Food Allergy Symposium

There will be a preconvention International Food Allergy Symposium, Thursday, Nov. 11. This exceptional program, chaired by Dr. Sami Bahna, includes many national as well as international speakers who are pioneers in food allergy research, pathological mechanisms of adverse reactions to foods, and diagnostic and therapeutic approaches.

Anne Munoz-Furlong, founder of the Food Allergy Network (FAN), served as an advisor to the program committee and led the charge to include a "Patient Education Program." Anne and her staff at FAN are an excellent resource and have provided our patients with educational materials about food allergy for years. Please remember to convey your appreciation to them for supporting our patients and practices, and stop by their booth during the Annual Meeting.

We all look forward to seeing you at the X International Food Allergy Symposium. Have a healthy, happy summer. ❖

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Fun with Foxworthy

In keeping with a great tradition through sponsorship by Hoechst Marion Roussel, you'll have a roaring good time as Jeff Foxworthy kicks-off the meeting with his unique Redneck humor.

At more than eight million copies, Foxworthy has sold more comedy albums than any other comedian. His first two stand-up comedy albums, "You Might Be a Redneck If..." and "Games Rednecks Play" have attained triple platinum status - and his new

album, "Totally Committed," has already achieved gold.

A regular on network television shows including "The Tonight Show" and "The Late Show with David Letterman," Foxworthy also has two Showtime stand-up specials to his credit. He has been bestowed with a People's Choice Award as Favorite Male Newcomer for "The Jeff Foxworthy Show" and has won TNN's Comedian of the Year three years running.

Presidential Reception

You'll receive a big welcome to "Sweet Home Chicago" in Blues Brothers style at the Grand Presidential Reception, Nov. 13, sponsored by AstraZeneca.

The Brooze Brothers and Big Fun 10-piece horn band repertoire includes favorites like "Gimme Some Lovin'," "Soul Man," as well as selections from three decades of rock 'n' roll classics.

Come meet our officers and join us for a warm Windy City welcome with lively music and dancing, hor d'oeuvres and College camaraderie. ❖