

# ACAAI NEWS

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## Annual Meeting entertainers are Gladys Knight, George Wallace, and a swinging "Roaring 20's" band

Evening entertainment will be spectacular, with one great show after another at the ACAAI Annual Meeting in Orlando, Nov. 16-20.

Social events will include performances by:

- George Wallace, American Comedy Award winner for "Best Stand Up Comedian" at the kick-off Comedy Special, Friday, Nov. 16, supported by a grant from **Aventis Pharmaceuticals**.
- Swing Society dynamic band at the "Roaring 20's" Grand Presidential Reception, Saturday, Nov. 17, supported by a grant from **AstraZeneca LP**.
- Gladys Knight, Grammy Award winner singer and songwriter, at the Annual Fundraising Dinner, Sunday, Nov. 18, supported by a grant from **Schering/Key**.

### Fundraiser with Gladys Knight

At age four, Gladys Knight began performing gospel music as guest soloist with the Morris Brown College Choir in Georgia. At age eight, she, her brother, sister and two cousins formed a group called The Pips.

Four decades of hits followed on several record labels, with 10 songs reaching the top on the R&B chart, five in the Top 20 pop hits, and three awarded Grammys.

Graced by Gladys' exquisite voice and the dramatic choral arrangements of the Pips,



the group achieved mainstream and international success in the mid 1970's, and made some of the most memorable records of our time, including: *Every Beat of My Heart, Letter Full of Tears, I Heard It Through the Grapevine, The Nitty Gritty, Friendship Train and Midnight Train to Georgia.* Her hit, *Good Woman*, marked the

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## School-based screening program moves closer to reality

School children are screened for vision problems and hearing disorders. Why can't they be screened in school for asthma and allergies?

A group of allergists and health researchers moved closer to answers to those questions at a meeting in July at O'Hare Airport. The directors of four pilot screening projects, conducted over the past year in Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas and Rochester, Minn., met with an ACAAI project coordinating committee to review research results.

The group agreed that they had enough useable information to proceed on the development of an instrument and protocol

to screen school children for allergies and asthma, and that they have important insights on how to get screening programs into the schools.

"The next steps will center on the development of a composite model questionnaire and screening protocol for schools, based on the completed research in the four pilot projects," said **Dr. Robert M. Miles**, ACAAI past-president who chairs the coordinating committee.

"Each of the four projects took a somewhat different approach, and our job now

is to combine the best elements from the four projects to achieve the composite model. We expect to complete and report on that model by the time of the ACAAI Annual Meeting this November in Orlando," Dr. Miles said.

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### Special guest speaker Erik Weihenmayer

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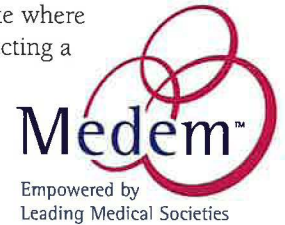
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emergence of Gladys as a songwriter as well. "When I write, I try to paint a picture in my mind rather than come up with words that rhyme," she said. "I could never do a song that I didn't believe in."

**George Wallace Comedy Kick Off**  
Well-known for his appearances on *The Tonight Show*, *Oprah Winfrey*, *Hollywood Squares*, *Late Show with David Letterman*, *Rosie O'Donnell*, *Live with Regis and Kathie Lee* and *Politically Incorrect*, George Wallace is known among other comedians as "the guy who can roll the room over if it's dead."

Live performances are his specialty and he is selling out concert venues across the country. He is astute at reading his audience and playing with them through traps and tricks.

"A live audience makes your mind work faster because you're getting an immediate reaction," George said. "There's nothing better than a live audience. Everybody wants to laugh."

Over the past 22 years, the Atlanta native has parlayed his observations about the

everyday, the ironic, the mysterious and the just plain dumb.

At the end of his gigs, George trades "Yo' Mama" jokes with anyone brave enough to spar with him. He hopes to find someone who can "out-mama" him and doesn't care who gets the laughs. Be sure to come early and get a front row seat.

#### Grand Presidential Reception

Take a trip back through time as you enter the "ACAAI Speakeasy" gala event, capturing the "Roaring 20s."

This Grand Presidential Reception will include the wildest gin-joint in town, cigarette girls, mobsters in zoot suits and flappers dancing the Charleston.

The fun-filled evening features the hippest, jump-jivin', lindy-hoppin' sounds of Swing Society, a dynamic band that really swings. Plan to have your picture taken with Charlie Chaplin or one of the Marx Brothers.

Join us at this traditional College celebration for great music, dancing, camaraderie and hors d'oeuvres.

### Interactive meeting planner now online

Again this year, a personalized schedule for the ACAAI Annual Meeting in Orlando is literally at your fingertips. Using the interactive conference planner right from your keyboard, you can preview the entire preliminary program, create a personalized meeting itinerary and print registration forms.

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