

Special Year-End Note

From the Executive Director

As we welcome 2017, there are three things I wish to share with you: a memory, a fact and a question.



The surplus of wonderful AMCP Foundation moments this year made it difficult to choose a favorite! Check out [our archive of press releases](#) and you'll understand. After pondering, I decided my best 2016 moment was meeting my predecessors – the prior Foundation Executive Directors. Reunited at the AMCP Annual Meeting were, left to right: myself, Cindy Pigg, Norrie Thomas, Steve Avey and Michael Dillon. I'm honored to continue in their footsteps at an organization with such a rich legacy of staff *and* volunteer commitment. *The Foundation family includes all of us!*

Did you know that AMCP contributes \$5 of all Active and Associate annual dues to the Foundation? This is important support, especially as the AMCP membership grows! However, in 2016 this represented less than 3% of the AMCP Foundation's overall operating budget. We rely on additional contributions and grants from individuals and corporations: *your support makes our success possible*. More than 740 donors provided gifts to your AMCP Foundation in 2016. Join these pharmacists and managed care pharmacy professionals in advancing medication-related research and education. If you haven't already, **[please donate today!](#)**

Finally, a question for you. *Where would you like the Foundation to focus in 2017?* This year, we published an Emerging Trends [white paper for policy-makers and patients](#) and convened our research symposium on [Access and Use of Opioid Therapy](#). We educated more than 400 student pharmacists about managed care with our P&T Competition, Best Poster Awards and [summer internships](#). We also added [Sunrise Yoga](#) to our health and wellness activities, and partnered with community groups for a [sock collection at Nexus](#). You know your AMCP Foundation will try new things – so please reply with your creative ideas for 2017!

Gratefully,

Paula J. Eichenbrenner, CAE

P.S. This is the most wonderful time of year, especially for a snow lover like me! I'm training hard for the [5K for the Future](#)— *and* some skiing while we're in [Denver](#). What do you adore (or loathe) about winter? I enjoy phone calls from members and donors, so never hesitate to ring me directly in the AMCP Foundation office at 703-684-2605. Happy New Year!