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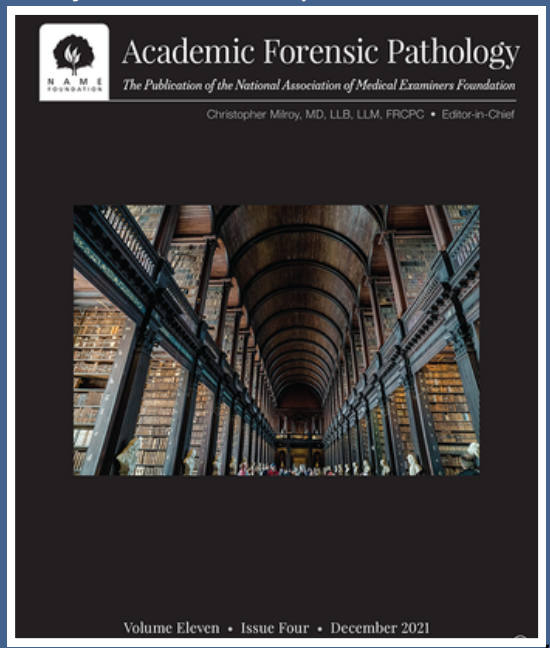
WELCOME!

Welcome to the first issue of 2024 of the NAME Foundation Newsletter. This issue is dedicated to re-introducing everyone to the NAME Foundation. You will learn about the history and the goals. As always, all past issues of the Newsletter are available on the NAME Foundation webpage, which exists on the (*https://namefoundation.wildapricot.org/*), as well as The National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) website (*www.thename.org*). You are receiving this newsletter because you are a current member of NAME. If you are currently an active member of the NAME Foundation and have made an annual financial contribution, thank you for your continued support. For those who have not yet joined, please refer to the membership criteria listed elsewhere in this Newsletter and consider supporting the NAME Foundation.

We Want You!

Membership is offered to any member of NAME, individual, or institution who makes the minimal annual contribution to the NAME Foundation (*Individuals: $50; Institutions :$250*). All non-institutional Foundation members will receive free access to Academic Forensic Pathology, the official journal of the NAME Foundation. You can join or renew your Foundation membership via the NAME Foundation web site:
(*https://namefoundation.wildapricot.org/Donate*)



HELLO, MY NAME [*FOUNDATION*] IS...

The NAME Foundation is a nonprofit charitable corporation established as the Endowment Committee of NAME in 1996 by Emeritus Trustee Thomas Noguchi, MD. When he was elected President of the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) in 1982, he made a pledge that as long as he lived, he would support NAME and work toward its future success. With the encouragement and support of his late wife Hisako, Dr. Noguchi formed the NAME Foundation. As a direct result of his initiative and under the oversight of the Past Presidents Committee, the "NAME Endowment Fund" was established in 1999. The official title for the entity evolved to become the "NAME Foundation," and, in 2006, the Foundation was officially incorporated as a nonprofit charitable 501(c)(3) corporation. The goals of the Foundation are to advocate for the profession of Forensic Pathology, particularly via maintaining its history and promoting education and research.

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AND THE WINNERS ARE...

One of the more visible functions of the NAME Foundation is its annual sponsorship of awards presented at the Annual NAME Scientific Meeting. These include the John Smialek Best Resident/Fellow Platform/Poster Presentation (*$1,000 each*), the John Pless Best Student Platform/Poster Presentation (*$500 each*), and the Mary Fran Ernst Best Affiliate Presentation (*$500*). The Foundation also provides the Beth Frost Early Achievement Award, travel stipends to eligible students and residents who present at the meeting and who have fulfilled the requirements (submission of abstract prior to deadline and presentation at the meeting). From 2015 through 2023 the Foundation has awarded 217 travel stipends amounting to **$58,750**.

2023 NAME FOUNDATION AWARD WINNERS

John Smialek Best Resident Poster Presentation
Unearthing the Unexpected: Ossa Cordis in the Human Heart
by **Mehrnoosh Ghandili, M.D.**

John Smialek Best Resident Platform Presentation
Management of Unidentified and Indigent Remains in a Death Investigation System – The Pima County (Tucson), Arizona Experience
by **Morgan Long, D.O.**

John Pless Best Student Poster Presentation
Fatal Iron Tablet Aspiration: Importance of Early Diagnosis and Forensic Pathologist Awareness
by **Yvonne Hojberg**

John Pless Best Student Platform Presentation
Method Validation Study of Dipstick Urinalysis as a Screening Tool for Sodium Nitrite Toxicity
by **Jessicia Schmitt, M.D.**

JESSICA SCHMITT, M.D. RECEIVING THE 2023 JOHN PLESS BEST STUDENT PLATFORM PRESENTATION AWARD FROM DR. ROBERT STOPPACHER

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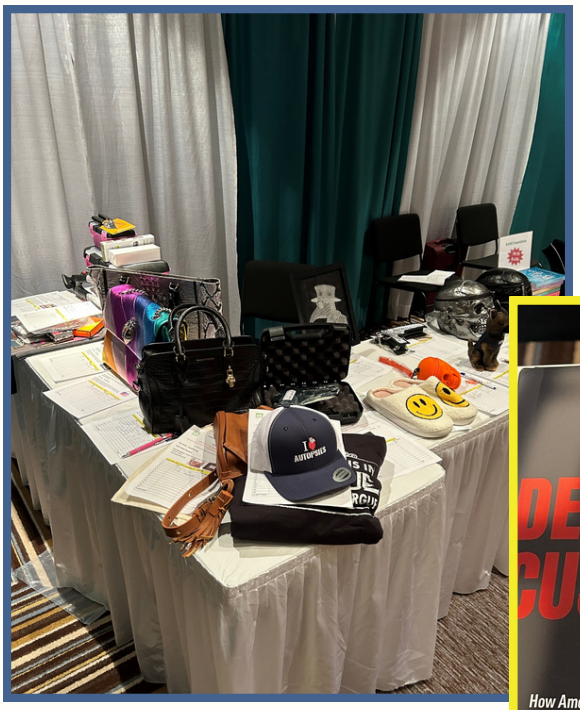
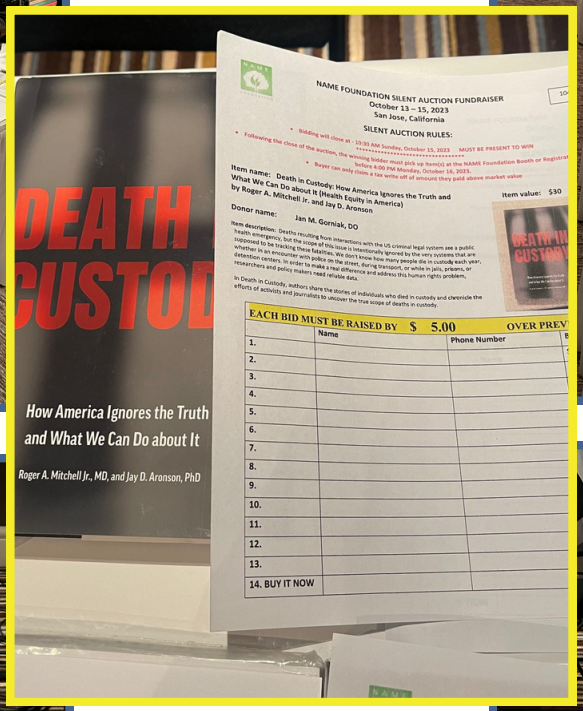
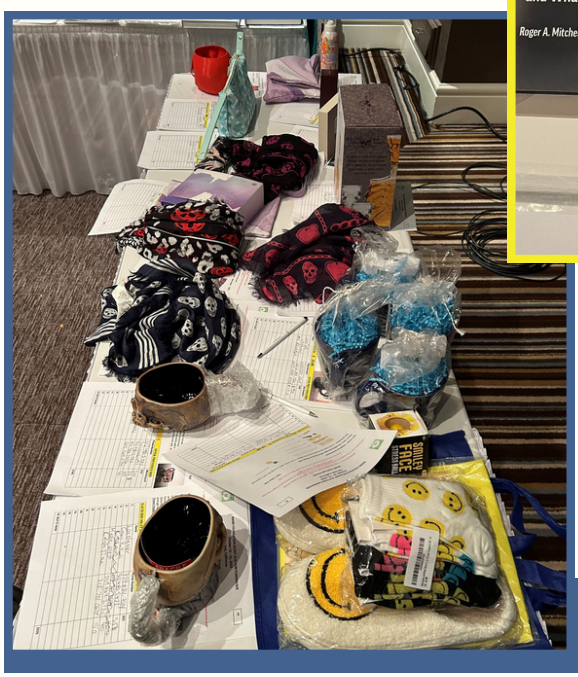
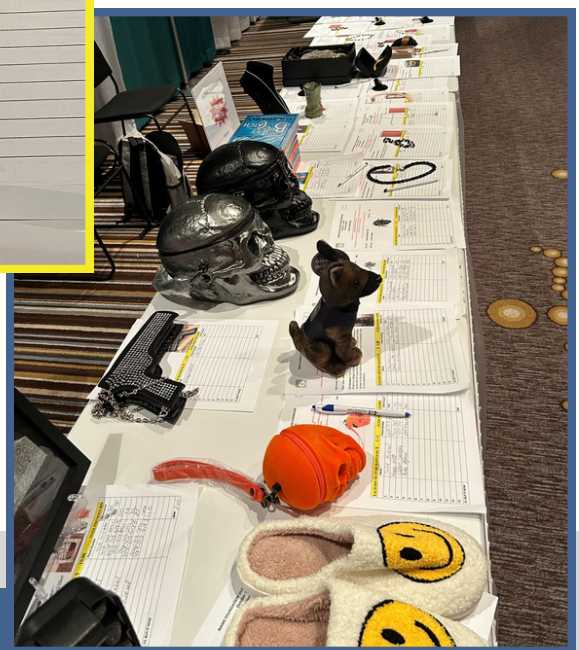
GOING ONCE. GOING TWICE. GONE!!

The NAME Foundation sponsors a silent auction at NAME Annual Meeting. The Silent Auction brought in $11,270 at the 2023 Meeting in San Jose. All proceeds from the auction will be added to the Foundation endowment fund, which is utilized to support forensic pathology research, education, and history preservation. Those winning items are able to claim a tax-deduction for any amount paid over the fair-market value of the item, while those donating items are able to deduct the total fair-market value of the donated item. Get your donations ready!! Be on the lookout for item solicitation email from **Dr. Kim Collins**, Chair of the Silent Auction Committee.









ONE FOR ME. ONE FOR YOU.

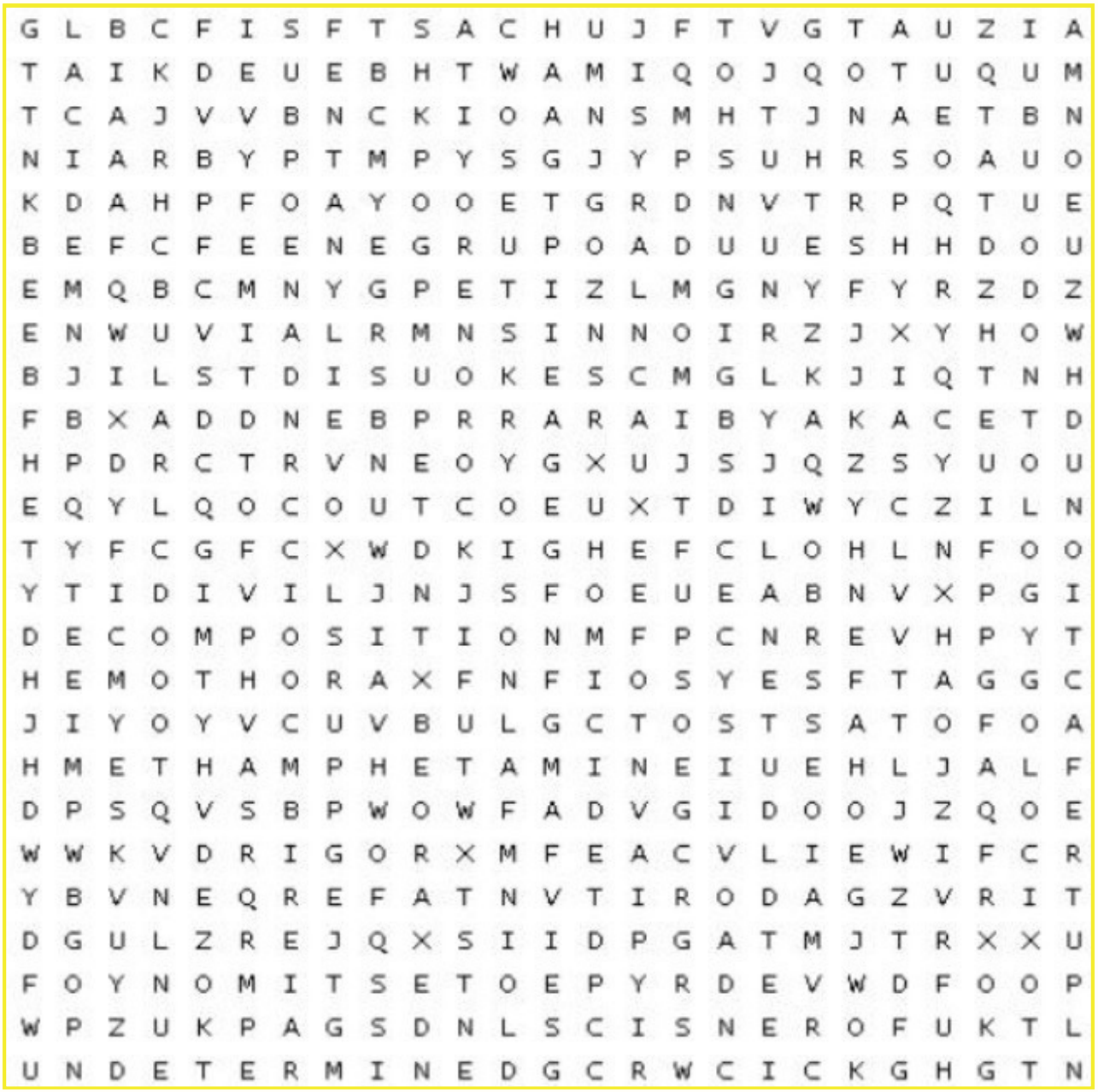
The Foundation hosts a 50-50 drawing. This is a raffle where participants buy tickets for a chance to win half the money raised from the ticket sales and the other half goes to the Endowment Fund. At the 2023 Annual NAME Meeting, **Dr. Ponni Arunkumar** bought the winning ticket. She very graciously donated her winnings back to the Foundation, for a total $1,630.

LIVE FROM... IT'S SATURDAY NIGHT!!!

At the 2023 NAME Annual Meeting in San Jose, the eighth Foundation Outreach Fundraiser was held. It is commonly referred to as the Saturday evening NAME Foundation fundraising event. This event's speaker was our own **Dr. Reade A. Quinton**, a member of the Society of American Magicians and the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Before his presentation, *The Bullet Catch: The History of Magic's Deadliest Illusion*, he performed an amazing card trick for the attendees. The Fundraiser brought in $7,180.

FINDERS KEEPERS

Find the word in the puzzle. Words can go in any direction. Words can share letters as they cross over each other.



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