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It is hard to believe it is already July, a time that conjures new residents, the start of a new academic year and the real beginning of summer time for those of us in the Northern part of the US. In addition, July also signifies the opening of WTA abstract season! Towards the end of the summer I will be providing more details on this year's meeting, however I wish to now return to a more serious topic; the remembrance of our dear friend and colleague Dr. M. Gage Ochsner.

It was unfortunate that my first e-mail as president was to inform the membership of his untimely death this past April. Following much deliberation by the board and the past-presidents the WTA will honor Gage at this year's meeting in the following manner. First, Gage's long-time friend and WTA past-president, Jim Davis, will present a brief celebration of Gage's life.

The second aspect of our effort is that I am strongly encouraging each of you to contribute to the Western Trauma Foundation in Gage's name. Each contribution will be memorialized in this year's program book with your name (not amount) and if you want, a short thought. For example ours will likely read, "*David and Debbie Livingston and Family – To our most wonderful friend and grower of extraordinary lemons. You will be missed*". This donation page will also be posted on the website. Knowing how much this organization meant to Gage, this is an ideal cause and an opportunity to reach 100% membership participation in our Foundation. Lastly I've invited Judy and the family, to join us at next year's meeting in Steamboat.

Best wishes on a happy and healthy summer

David Livingston  
President, WTA