

LETTERS TO THE CSA

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Letter to the Editor:

The WLM copy of the *CSA Bulletin* 52(1), Jan-Mar 2003, has just arrived, and its new cover attracts its reader almost instantly. First we are grateful to read your acknowledgment of the WLM in contributing images Carol Siragusa scanned for you. Perhaps aesthetic appreciation is personal, but I think the new CSA cover has transcended its image as a predictable newsletter. My curiosity on this count brings me closer to the contents you have put together in this issue.

In addition to the regular features expected by your readership, I especially appreciate your pieces on the anesthesiologist and the arts, the bug doctor and most of all, Dr. Merlin Larson's enlightening narration of the landmark history of anesthesia A.D. 1903, as it has impacted the development of the specialty in the subsequent century. I know your readers would enjoy these additional features in a newsletter which primary purpose is to inform and communicate. You have added more to this genre of journalistic literature, first with an innovative cover, and then substantiated it with articles for intellectual gratification. We congratulate you and the CSA on assembling such an outstanding issue for the pleasure of your readers. I cannot help recall a similar complimentary comment on the unique quality of your newsletter from the late Dr. Rod Calverly, introducing me to this consistently enjoyable publication.

I think Dr. Doris Cope, Editor of the *Bulletin of Anesthesia History*, will appreciate a copy of this unique issue, particularly Dr. Larson's article.

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