The winter snowstorms have been unrelenting this year, but there remains no doubt that spring will eventually push them away. Similarly, the activity of your Council remains vigorous even during this nasty winter when hibernation might otherwise be the process of choice. The very successful Scientific Sessions program, organized by Seema Mital and the Program Committee, attracted more than 500 pediatric cardiologists — clinicians and researchers — to Chicago. Feedback from that event has been uniformly positive and our new Program Chair, Wolfgang Radtke, has taken up the challenge to provide an even more comprehensive scientific agenda for the pediatric cardiovascular and the adult congenital heart disease communities for this year’s meeting. Your Council Leadership continues to review our top priorities including support for a national screening program for critical congenital heart disease, continued pressure to influence the national agenda on childhood obesity and preventive cardiology programs, and advocacy for research support in pediatric and adult congenital heart disease. In addition, as led by Bill Mahle, the Council’s mentoring and career development programs remain vigorous and in full drive and are crucial to our ability to sustain the role of the Council in the years ahead. Finally, with leadership from Council Vice Chair Craig Sable, CVDY continues to look at potential avenues of cooperation between the AHA and the American Board of Pediatrics to assist the pediatric cardiology community in efforts to make the MOC process more palatable and more readily accomplishable.

On a variety of fronts, CVDY is pressing ahead, but this cannot be done without your support and participation. Please contact any of us as to how CVDY can continue the important role it has had for more than 50 years in helping us do the best we can for our patients and their families, our colleagues and our trainees. Visit our Council website at my.americanheart.org/cvdycouncil to learn more.
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