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The most popular activity was the general medicine workshop where participants had their arms set in real casts by School of Medicine students.

The sold-out 2003 event is sure to be an even greater success in 2004. If you would like advance information about next fall’s event, please contact Natalie DiGiovanni at (313) 993-4181 or e-mail ndigiova@med.wayne.edu.

Thanks to all faculty and student volunteers who helped make it all happen.

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Greetings and Happy New Year on behalf of the Wayne State University School of Medicine Alumni Association Board of Governors.

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Dean Crissman hosted receptions in Scottsdale, Ariz., San Diego and Los Angeles early this year. It was a great opportunity for our alumni on the west side of the country to get together and receive first-hand information about the School of Medicine from our dean.

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We look forward to another productive year of improving our students’ educational experience and strengthening the school’s alumni network.

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The lectureship consisted of four case presentations followed by discussion and Dr. Toth’s address, titled “A Return to Function in Severe AMD Patients: Macular Translocation 360 Surgery.” The case presenters were: Beaumont Hospital resident Lori Stec, M.D.; and KEI residents Sue Lim, M.D., Anju Gupta, M.D., and Asheesh Tewari, M.D.

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Mrs. Margaret Easley, Dr. John Easley, ’77, Dr. Carl Luater, ’65, Dr. Alho Zingas, ’70

Fara Malik, year IV, Yik Virupavannar, year IV, Victoria Fresh, year II, Phillip Duckley, year III

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Development News

Students, Alums Help Telefund Succeed

Each fall, during the months of October and November, students and alumni volunteer to call graduates of the School of Medicine to request financial gifts in support of the Alumni Annual Fund. The fund supports student scholarships, fellowships, advanced research and educational programs.

The year 2003 marked the 31st Annual Alumni Telefund, which took place in Scott Hall. This annual event brings students and alumni together and gives both an opportunity to get to know each other better. Alumni and students began calling on October 13, 2003.

Jerry Brewer, year IV student and president of the Student Senate, enjoyed volunteering so much that he asked if it would possible for him to continue to call alumni after he graduates. He was assured that arrangements could be made.

The Telefund ended on November 6, 2003, however, alumni volunteers will continue making calls long after Telefund is over. “As of November 19, we have raised $375,037,” said Lori Robitaille, manager of Medical Alumni Affairs. “Our goal is $565,000 and we are hopeful that the continued persistence of our alumni volunteers and our follow-up letters will bring in the remaining portion.”

Thank you to all of our callers. As always, they did a tremendous job. Most importantly, thank you to all alumni donors!

For more information about how you can support the Alumni Annual Fund, contact Lisa Ramos at lramos@med.wayne.edu or (313) 577-9022.

TELEFUND PRIZE WINNERS

Greatest Dollar Total Raised
First Place: Kristen Kingzett, Year IV – Complimentary evening at the Hotel Pontchartrain and two tickets to the Freedom Festival Fireworks event hosted by the Medical Alumni Association

Second Place: Jerry Brewer, Year IV – Bed and Breakfast at the Ritz Carlton, Dearborn

Most Pledges
First Place: Aniel Majjhoo, Year III – $50 gift certificate for Atlas Bistro
Second Place: Jasmine Oliver, Year I – Two complimentary tickets to a performance at the Gem Theatre

Largest Single Gift
Michelle Dumler, Year III – 10 AVI meal tickets for complimentary lunch in the Scott Hall cafeteria

Most “First Time Givers”
Scott Ross, Year II – 10 AVI meal tickets for complimentary lunch in the Scott Hall cafeteria

Telefund Drawings
Susie Flink, Year III – Red Wings hockey puck autographed by Sergei Federov
Sarah Deighton-Collins, Year I – Autographed photo of Bill Laimbeer with certificate of authenticity
Juliette Slomka, Year IV – Riddell mini Lions football helmet signed by Tony Semple, Ben Johnson, Jeff Backus, Eric Beverly and Matt Murphy

Christina Dessousa, Year II – Official Major League Baseball autographed by Detroit Tigers Bullpen Coach Lance Parrish with certificate of authenticity

Craig Spencer, Year I – AMC Movie Theatre Entertainment Card valid for two movie tickets and concessions

The Medical Alumni Association thanks all of those who donated gifts for student prizes.

Dr. Gregory Zemenick, class of 1971
Dr. George Ritter, class of 1945

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The event also celebrated the surgery department’s endowment, named in honor of Irene’s late husband, Dr. Alexander Walt, one of the most distinguished physicians to have served the school, the community and the country. Dr. Walt was chair of the Department of Surgery for 22 years and directed the Barbara Ann Karmanos Comprehensive Breast Center, which was renamed the Alexander J. Walt Comprehensive Breast Center in 1998.

Endowments provide the funds necessary to operate successful medical programs and departments. They are often considered the backbone of academic institutions. Endowed chairs are vital to the growth of medical research and education. They give the school the ability to recruit the very best researchers and enable faculty to focus on their work rather than fundraising.

The Alexander J. Walt Endowed Chair in Surgery continues to improve the department and focuses on how surgery, as a course of study, is taught at the School of Medicine.

The Gift That Keeps on Giving

One of the more useful tools in the gift planning toolbox is the charitable gift annuity. This life-income gift to the Wayne State University School of Medicine has many advantages. It is simple to set up, and is established at no cost to the donor. Advantages could include:

- Reducing the donor’s estate taxes
- Benefiting the donor and his or her spouse by creating a lifetime stream of income
- Providing an income tax deduction at the time of the gift
- Enabling the donor to make a more significant gift to the School of Medicine that he or she might otherwise have been able to make.

The charitable gift annuity is an irrevocable contract between Wayne State and a donor. The donor agrees to make a minimum gift of $25,000 in cash or stock. The university in turn agrees to make payments of equal size, annually or semi-annually, to the donor for life, or to the donor and then to his/her spouse for life. At the end of the agreed-upon term, the portion of the funds that is left goes to Wayne State, for the use or purposes specified by the donor. Charitable gift annuities can be current (where payments begin immediately after the agreement is signed) or deferred (payments begin at least one year after signing). Donors living in states other than Michigan should know that these agreements are governed by state law, so please contact the School of Medicine Office of Development at (313) 577-1495 to ask if your state is one where a gift annuity can be accepted by the university.

Charitable Gift Annuities: The Gift That Keeps on Giving

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Save the Date

The 2004 Pathfinders in Medicine Awards will be held on May 22 at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit. The award recognizes outstanding leadership and achievement in medicine.

Past Honorees

- Waldo L. Cain, M.D.
- Julie V. Combs, M.D.
- Ethelene Jones Crockett, M.D.
- Walter Duckworth
- Mary Fisher
- Cynthia Ford
- Robert N. Frank, M.D.
- Peter Karmann, Jr.
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Dr. Malone Recognizes Benefits of OB–GYN Endowment

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Wayne State University School of Medicine is the third largest in the nation. It has a commitment to serving the patient population of metropolitan Detroit and a commitment to the education of medical students and residents as well as serving as the home to the National Institutes of Health Perinatology Research Branch. Because the department has so many different responsibilities, it must remain focused on its priorities. Managing the department can be a challenge, said Dr. John Malone, current holder of the Frank P. Iacobell Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology. “It can be difficult sometimes, to keep an equal balance and maintain excellence in all aspects within the department,” he explained.

Dr. Malone graduated from the WSU School of Medicine in 1977. During medical school, he was affected by the experiences he had working in area hospitals. “I felt very stimulated by the guidance I received while at Detroit Receiving,” he said. “I felt like I was contributing to the community and giving back to the people.”

He first became a member of the WSU faculty in 1981, but took a leave of absence in 1984 to complete a fellowship in gynecological oncology at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center before returning to Detroit and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The Frank P. Iacobell Chair is essential in financially supporting the department. It is an invaluable resource for purchasing equipment, establishing programs and training and developing faculty. It is Dr. Malone’s responsibility to oversee the use of the funds that are generated by the endowment.

Serving as chair since 1999, Dr. Malone explained the importance of its presence within the department. “The chair gives us access to funds. Its primary functions enhance the overall prestige of the department. It’s also an excellent recruiting tool. It allows us to offer faculty positions and access to funding that is unavailable elsewhere.”

He went on to explain, “Finally, this chair provides recognition to the important people who have been so generous to the School of Medicine. The continued support of Frank P. Iacobell and the Iacobell family has been essential to the success of this department. I would like to use this opportunity to thank him once again on behalf of myself and the entire obstetrics and gynecology department.”
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Graduates of KEI and the WSU School of Medicine gathered to reestablish old friendships and were treated to a special visit from Mickey Mouse. Next year’s reunion will be held in New Orleans during the American Academy of Ophthalmology conference. For more information, please contact Phyllis Baker at pbaker@med.wayne.edu or (313) 577-7623.

Wayne State University School of Medicine Upcoming Alumni Events and Meetings

Wednesday, February 4, 2004
Alumni Board of Governors Meeting
Noon
Scott Hall

February 6-10, 2004
Alumni Reception-Department of Dermatology
Washington, DC

Wednesday, March 3, 2004
Alumni Board of Governors Meeting
Noon
Scott Hall

Wednesday, April 7, 2004
Alumni Board of Governors Meeting
Noon
Scott Hall

Monday, May 3, 2004
Alumni Reception-Department of OB-GYN

Saturday, May 8, 2004
Medical Alumni Reunion Day
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Scott Hall
Somerset Inn
5 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Troy, Mich.

Wednesday, June 2, 2004
Alumni Board of Governors Meeting
Noon
Scott Hall

Wednesday, June 23/30, 2004
11th Annual Alumni Fireworks Event
Hotel Pontchartrain
Detroit

September, 2004
Alumni Reception-Department of Urology
Alumni Reception-Department of Otolaryngology Locations to be determined

Alumni Reception-Department of Internal Medicine
Traverse City, Mich.

Notes

1962
Drake D. Duane, M.D., is currently director of the Arizona Dystonia Institute/Institute for Developmental Behavioral Neurology in Scottsdale, Ariz., and an adjunct professor for Arizona State University. He has been named to the board of directors of the Phoenix Symphony and to the board of trustees and chairman of the scientific advisory board for the Dyslexia Foundation in Sarasota, Fla. He has also been designated a Dystonia Doctor of Excellence by the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation.

1963
Constance Tubbs, M.D., writes: “Come see me in Sun City, Arizona, and play golf!”

1969
Judith Tintinalli, M.D., is a professor and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. She is editor-in-chief of the just-released 6th McGraw-Hill edition of Emergency Medicine: A Comprehensive Study Guide. Her co-editors are Steven Stacpynski, M.D., a professor and chair emeritus of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Kentucky, and Gabor Kelen, M.D., a professor and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Johns Hopkins. The Study Guide, or Red Book as it is often called, is the world’s largest selling textbook of emergency medicine, and is available in multiple languages, including Spanish, Japanese, Polish, Turkish and Korean. Emergency Obstetrics and Gynecology (2nd edition) has also just been released by McGraw Hill. Lee Moss, M.D., has retired from hand surgery practice and is active in the Pima County Medical Society in Arizona.

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1982
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1991
Tim and Alanna (Pitzer) Barron, M.D., married in 1997 and completed residencies in San Diego. After two years in Okinawa, Japan, they have settled in a newly built house near Lake Michigan in Grand Haven, Mich. Tim is an ophthalmologist with Shoreline Ophthalmology and Alanna is a pediatrician with Cascade Pediatrics in Grand Rapids. They have two wonderful daughters, Gabrielle (8) and Sophia (3). They can be reached at (616) 844-4215.

1994
Timothy McKernan, M.D., and his wife, Katie, had a baby girl, Margaret Ame, on September 22, 2003. She has been well received by her older sister, Morrigan (age 2).

2000
Preston and Tendai Thomas (Bouknight), M.D., are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Preston “Tre” Thomas. He was born on February 7, 2003, at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, Mich. Preston is a family medicine staff physician for Oakwood Hospital. Tendai was a third-year internal medicine resident at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Ann Arbor, and finished in December 2003.

2001
Dan Meara, M.D., and Regina Schmidt Meara, M.D., are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Sophia, born on October 15, 2003.
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