

WINTER 2008

Classnotes

Myron Gordon, MD '48 Lifetime Achievement Award

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS (ACOG), District II/NY presented its Lifetime Achievement Award to Myron Gordon, MD, FACOG, of the Albany Medical Center in Albany, New York, during its annual meeting in Manhattan on October 27, 2007. The Lifetime Achievement Award is bestowed annually upon a New York obstetrician-gynecologist who exemplifies a lifetime of unparalleled mentorship in obstetrics and gynecology;

enduring contributions to medical education; and assiduous service to the college and its fellows.

"Dr. Gordon's tireless and active participation in the field is highly commendable," said Martin L. Stone, MD, of Southampton, NY. "His steadfast commitment to quality care for females sets him apart as a true leader in obstetrics and gynecology."

After graduating from medical school in 1948, he trained in ob/gyn at New York Medical College in New York City until 1954, while also serving in the Navy (1943 to 1956). Soon after leaving the service, he began practicing ob-gyn full time at the New York Medical College, where in 1979 he was appointed vice chair. A year later he was named professor

and chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Albany Medical College, a position he held until 1995. Currently, he continues to serve as part-time faculty at the college.

Gordon's memberships include ACOG, the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals, and the International Society of the Advancement of Humanistic Studies in Gynecology. He served as the chair of ACOG District II/NY from 1972 to 1975 and has been dedicated to its Committee on Continuing Education, the Committee on Terminology, the Committee on Honors and Recognition, the Committee on Underserved Women and the Safe Motherhood Initiative.

In 2006, he accepted the "Wall of Fame" award from the UB School of Medicine. The award is presented each year to a distinguished resident graduate of the Department Gynecology-Obstetrics. **BP**

FROM LEFT: Martin L. Stone, MD; Richard Schwarz, MD; Myron Gordon, MD '48; and Richard N. Waldman, MD



What's Up Doc?

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1970s

Jerald A. Bovino, MD '71, a retired professor of ophthalmology at the Medical College of Ohio, was presented the 5th Zivojnovic Honor Award by the European Vitreoretinal Society on September 18, 2007, in



Venice, Italy. He is the first American ever to win this prestigious award, which was established to recognize Relya Zivojnovic, one of the founders of the vitreoretinal surgical specialty. A pioneer in the field of vitreoretinal and macular surgery, Bovino invented the intraoperative use of the laser during retinal detachment surgery and wrote and edited the first

textbook on macular surgery. He also was one of the founders of the Vitreous Society and the American Society of Retina Specialists, where he currently serves as a founding director.

2000s

Rosann Lana, MD '03, has joined the physician team at Lifetime Health Medical Group.



Lana earned an undergraduate degree in biology from Canisius College. She completed her medical degree and training in obstetrics-

gynecology at UB. Currently she is a member of the Quality Assurance Committee at the Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo. **BP**

Maxine Hayes, MD '73, MPH

MAXINE HAYES, MD '73, MPH, state health officer for the Washington State Department of Health received the 2007 Helen Rodriguez-Trias Award for Social Justice at the 135th annual meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA) held in Washington, D.C. in November 2007.



health, as well as parent-child health services for the health department. She previously was medical director of the Odessa Brown Children's Clinic, and project and medical director of the Hinds-Rankin Urban Health Innovations Project. She has forged many alliances and partnerships to influence policy at all levels of

government, particularly policies impacting the maternal and child health population.

Hayes has served as president of the Association of Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Programs, chair of APHA's Maternal and Child Health Section and national program director for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Child Health Initiative. She was appointed to the Institute of Medicine's Board of Children, Youth and Families and has served as the associate editor of the *Maternal & Child Health Journal* since

1997. She has frequently been consulted by the U.S. Maternal Child Health Bureau on policy issues.

"Maxine Hayes is absolutely tireless," APHA member Holly Grason, MA, of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, wrote in a letter nominating Hayes for the Rodriguez-Trias award. "She is an outstanding colleague and mentor to MCH professionals and advocates throughout the country."

Among her many publications, Hayes has written articles on health disparities, social justice, advocacy and the special health concerns of minority populations. She has been honored with many awards for her work in maternal and child health, including the American Medical Association's 2002 Dr. Nathan Davis Award and the 2003 Heroes in Health Care Lifetime Achievement Award through the Washington Health Foundation. She was elected to the Institute of Medicine in 2006 and is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. **BP**

According to an APHA statement, "Hayes has worked to help the medically underserved and the nation's vulnerable populations. Over the past three decades, she has given voice to issues such as hunger, pediatric AIDS, health care for the homeless, smoking bans, child labor and pregnancy planning, continually working to improve the health of women and children."

In Washington State, Hayes has served as assistant secretary for community and family



Donnica Moore, MD '86

**Women in Government
Presidential Leadership Award**

THE NONPROFIT national organization Women in Government presented one of its Presidential Leadership Awards to Donnica Moore, MD '86, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, on November 16, 2007. The award recognizes Moore and 11 other recipients for their efforts to enhance cervical cancer education and prevention, and for their commitment to end cervical cancer deaths in the United States in our lifetime.

"I am honored to be recognized by Women in Government, a group whose educational efforts—in cervical cancer prevention and in many other women's health initiatives—I have long admired," says Moore. "To be included in the same grouping as these other

distinguished honorees is humbling, as well as empowering. I am confident that with the concerted efforts of such committed individuals and organizations, we will be able to realize the goal of eliminating cervical cancer deaths in the U.S. in our lifetime."

Women in Government, a bipartisan organization representing women state legislators in the United States launched the "Challenge to Eliminate Cervical Cancer Campaign" in 2004, which engages state legislators nationwide in policy and awareness initiatives to advance cervical cancer prevention. To date, all 50 states have introduced or enacted legislation or resolutions aimed at cervical cancer elimination. In conjunction with its annual Cervical Cancer Summit, the organization presents its Presidential Leadership Awards

to honor individuals and groups that are advancing efforts to eliminate cervical cancer in the United States and worldwide.

Moore is a women's health expert and advocate, physician educator and media commentator. She is the founder and president of Sapphire Women's Health Group LLC, a multimedia women's health education and communications firm, and www.DrDonnica.com, a women's health information website. She has conducted more than 500 television interviews and 200 radio interviews on various women's health and general medical topics.

Moore's efforts in cervical cancer education and prevention include her "HPV and Cervical Cancer Center," featured on www.DrDonnica.com. She has also served as the physician spokesperson for the "Make the Commitment" HPV and cervical cancer awareness program (www.makethecommitment.org) and has been interviewed on this topic for such programs as ABC's "Good Morning America," "The View" and, most recently, "The Tyra Banks Show".

Save the Date

REUNION 2008 WEEKEND

FRIDAY, MAY 2, AND SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2008

The weekend includes:

- Cocktail party on the South Campus, sponsored by the Medical Alumni Association
- Reunion 2008 dinner dance at the Statler Towers, downtown
- The annual Spring Clinical Day, featuring Michael F. Roizen, MD, founder of RealAge, at the Buffalo Niagara Marriott Hotel.

For more information: Visit www.medicalumni.buffalo.edu

In Memoriam

Edward Kopf, MD '55,

PLASTIC SURGEON AND LONGTIME CIVIC LEADER IN LAS VEGAS, Nevada, and a driving force behind founding the University of Nevada School of Medicine, died November 2, 2007, after a lengthy illness. He was 83.

Kopf received international recognition as one of the first plastic surgeons in the United States to call attention to the complications of liquid silicone injections in breast implants. He was the leading voice to outlaw such injections in Nevada and helped physicians in California pass similar legislation.

Toward the end of his career, in the late 1980s, Kopf organized crews of local nurses and physicians to travel to impoverished villages throughout Mexico to perform free surgeries on children with birth defects, such as cleft palates.

"It was his passion," daughter-in-law Randy Kopf says. "He never took vacations until after he retired because every time he would find an extra couple of thousand dollars he would use it for the Liga Flying Doctors of Mercy Program. He would do anything to help children."

In addition to his private practice, Kopf held several top surgical posts in area hospitals, including chief of plastic surgery at University Medical Center and Valley Hospital in Las Vegas.

Kopf was an amateur ventriloquist who used the technique of voice throwing to teach speech to the orally disabled.

He was the State Medical Association's 1971 Physician of the Year, the 1978 City of Hope Physician of the Year, the 1981 Opportunity Village award winner for Outstanding Support of Retarded Citizens, and the 1981 Nevada Conference of Police and Sheriffs Humanitarian of the Year.

Born June 28, 1924, in Buffalo, Kopf served in the Navy as an aviation electronics technician during World War II.

After graduating from the UB School of Medicine, he trained in general and plastic surgery and was board certified in reconstructive surgery and neurological orthopedic surgery.

Kopf moved to Las Vegas in 1960, where, as a civic leader, he founded or cofounded the Clark County Boys Club, the Help Them Walk Again Foundation, the Southern Nevada Drug Abuse Council and the Nevada Eye Bank. In the early 1980s, he served on the Governor's Committee of Employment for the Handicapped and the board of the Southern Nevada Association of the Handicapped.

Kopf retired in 1992 after quadruple heart bypass surgery.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Rose Kopf; four children, Charles Kopf, Karolanne Hern, Eddie Kopf and Joseph Kopf; a brother, Dr. Al Kopf; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. —S. A. UNGER

JOHN T. CANGELOSI, MD '36, born on October 10, 1913, died on July 14, 2007.

THOMAS ROBERT NOONAN, MD '39, born on May 2, 1912, died on October 1, 2007.

GEORGE FRANK WELSCHER, MD '46, born on June 1, 1922, died on September 16, 2007.

JOHN J. MARINACCIO, MD '48, born on February 22, 1925, died on September 21, 2007.

LEONARD P. CONSTANTINE, MD '54, born on January 10, 1920, died on October 13, 2005.

JOHN D. BARTELS, MD '56, born on June 2, 1929, died on July 7, 2007.

THOMAS P. HAMILTON, MD '57, born on July 11, 1932, died on May 3, 2007.

On November 12, 2007, the school was notified of the death of RICHARD K. ROWE, MD '61.

JOSEPH A. CIMINO, MD '62, born on January 1, 1934, died on July 1, 2007.

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BACK ROW, left to right: Dean Michael E. Cain, MD, Kenneth S. Zimmerman, MD '83, Charles R. Niles, MD '83, Jeffrey J. Visco, MD '98, Michael E. Zions, MD '98, David A. Milling, MD '93, Arthur W. Mruzek Sr. MD '73, Michael A. Sansone, MD '73, Michael A. Sullivan, MD '53, Donald O. Rachow, MD '53, Morris Unher, MD '43, Lori Luzi, MD '88, Andrew Cappuccino MD '88, Medical Alumni Association President Helen M. Cappuccino, MD '88, and David L. Marchetti, MD '78.

NOT PICTURED: Ivan L. Bunnell, MD '43, Richard J. Nagel, MD '53, Michael T. Genco, MD '58, Richard B. Narins, MD '63, Thomas J. Cumbo, MD '68, and Frank A. Luzi, MD '88.



SPRING CLINICAL DAY 2008

Michael F. Roizen, MD, back by popular demand



THE MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION presents Spring Clinical Day on Saturday, May 3, 2008, at the Buffalo Niagara Marriott Hotel. The program, sponsored by the Harrington Lecture Endowment, will be held in conjunction with Reunion Weekend and will feature keynote speaker Michael F. Roizen, MD, back by popular demand.

Roizen, who is author of the *New York Times* bestseller *RealAge*, will return to present "YOU: Staying Young."

In 1999, *RealAge* was awarded the Best Wellness Book of the Year by the Books for a Better Life Awards. His three subsequent books have also been bestsellers.

Roizen completed his residency in internal medicine at Harvard's Beth Israel Hospital, after which he served a tour of duty in the Public Health Service at the National Institutes of Health working in the laboratory of Irv Kopin and Nobel Prize-winner Julius Axelrod. He is certified by both the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Anesthesiology.

He is past chair of a Food and Drug Administration advisory committee and a former editor for six medical journals. He has

published more than 155 peer-reviewed scientific papers, 100 textbook chapters, 30 editorials and four medical books, including a medical bestseller. He also has received 12 U.S. patents and several foreign patents.

Currently Roizen serves as chair of the Division of Anesthesiology, Critical Care Management, and Comprehensive Pain Management at the Cleveland Clinic.

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