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HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR! As we begin 2009, it is important to reflect on the past year and the difference that our alumni and student programs have made for the medical school. Thanks to the work of my fellow board members, important programs, such as the Community Physician Luncheons, Distinguished Medical Alumnus Dinner, Reunion Weekend and UB HOST, were able to bring many alumni together with each other and with current medical students. I'd also like to recognize Dr. Helen Cappuccino's work initiating UB Breathe Free, a campus-wide effort to create a smoke-free environment at UB.

As many of us know, finding a residency program can be timely and costly, so we are excited about being able to offer our students the UB HOST (Help Our Students Travel) program. If you are interested in becoming a UB HOST or in volunteering in another capacity, I encourage you to visit the Medical Alumni Association's website or email Jennifer Lobaugh, staff liaison for the Medical Alumni Association, at the address listed below.

As always, we welcome your feedback and ideas, so please feel free to email me.

MY FELLOW ALUMNI,

Sincerely,



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P.S. Reunion Weekend and Spring Clinical Day 2009 will be held April 17-18 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo. Please read more about the Spring Clinical Day speaker on the outside back cover of this issue of Buffalo Physician.

MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

UB HOST (Help Our Students Travel)

The UB HOST program provides medical students with opportunities to connect and network with alumni volunteers while interviewing for residency. Hosts offer any of the following services to help make traveling easier for our medical students:

- H**ousing or overnight accommodations
- O**ne-to-one advice about residency, the prospective medical center and the community in which they are interviewing
- S**pecial meals and tours of city or hospital
- T**ransportation to and from airport and/or interviews

If you are interested in becoming a UB HOST, please visit www.medicalalumni.buffalo.edu or contact Jennifer Lobaugh, director of special events and constituent relations, at 877-826-3246 or email jlobaugh@buffalo.edu.



CLASSNOTES

WINTER 2009

1950s

Jerome Levine, MD '58, professor of psychiatry at New York University, writes: "In October 2008 my wife, Irene S. Levine, PhD [also on faculty at NYU], and I co-authored a book titled *Schizophrenia For Dummies*, published by Wiley. The book, which is written especially for families coping with schizophrenia in a loved one, is straightforward, practical and hopeful. It is available in most bookstores and online; further information can be found at schizophreniafordummies.com.



A family update: Our son Andrew will graduate from NYU in May 2008 and is an active member of the open-source Drupal software community. I plan on retiring at the end of 2009, having achieved a 50-year career in public psychiatry. Irene, in addition to her career in mental health, is a well-established freelance writer

and will publish a book in 2009 on female friendships (Overlook Press) and regularly blogs on her website fracturedfriendships.com and the huffingtonpost.com. E-mail address is: jeromelevine@gmail.com.

1960s

Algirdas Gamziukas, MD '60, has published *Changes, a Memoir*. In the book, he describes the peaceful life he enjoyed as a child growing up in independent Lithuania just prior to the outbreak of World War II. He chronicles the first Russian occupation and

German occupation of his homeland and how, when the war was turning in the Soviet's favor, his family "left for the west with the Red Army sometimes just a few miles behind." The family lived in Vienna then in Wattens (Swarovski works) near Innsbruck, Austria. After the war, they spent four years in a displaced-persons camp in Augsburg, Germany, eventually settling in Buffalo where Gamziukas finished high school and pharmacy and medical schools. The book concludes with his descriptions of the positives and negatives of life

in Buffalo, experiences in various educational institutions, his internship and military service, and the arrival of his license to practice medicine.

For more information on the book or to learn how to obtain a copy, email Dr. Gamziukas at ahgam40@yahoo.com

Roberta Gilbert, MD '62 (and psychiatry residency class of '67), has published a new book, *The Cornerstone Concept, In Leadership, In Life*. It completes a trilogy of books about leadership. The other two are: *Extraordinary Leadership*,



On September 19, 2008, NANCY H. NIELSEN, MD '76, PHD, president of the American Medical Association and senior associate dean for medical education at UB, delivered the Inaugural Oliver "O. P." Jones Lecture at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown Buffalo. Pictured with her is UB President JOHN B. SIMPSON, PHD, (left) and MICHAEL E. CAIN, MD, dean of the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

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Thinking Systems, Making a Difference and *The Eight Concepts of Bowen Theory*. They are texts for a three-year leadership training seminar, Extraordinary Leadership Seminars that has drawn leadership from around the country for over 10 years. She has also authored two books for general readers, *Extraordinary Relationships, A New Way of Thinking About Human Interactions* and *Connecting With Our Children, Guiding Principles for Parents in a Troubled World*.

ing in Greenwich, Connecticut, and are active boaters." Email: blh26@optonline.net

1970s

Mel Pohl, MD '76, writes from Las Vegas, NV:



"I have a new book out, *A Day Without Pain* (Central

Recovery Press, 2008). It's for anyone with chronic pain, those who love them and physicians who treat them." Email: melpohl@mac.com

Floccare, who also serves as medical director of the Maryland State Police Aviation Command, was selected from among physicians across the country who work with medical evacuation programs.

"Dr. Floccare has been an outstanding asset to the Maryland State Police over the past two decades and this award only validates our beliefs that his efforts are the best in the nation," said Major Andrew J. McAndrew, Commander of the Aviation Command, at the time the award was announced. "He is completely committed to saving lives and it is because of his professional and personal dedication that we are confident the State Police flight paramedics who staff our helicopters possess the highest level of pre-hospital training and experience available anywhere in the country."

The Air Medical Physician Association is the largest professional organization of physicians dedicated to rotor wing (helicopter), fixed wing (airplane) and critical care ground transport. Email address is floccare@gmail.com.

1990s

Terrence Sheehan, MD '90, chief medical officer at Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital of Maryland, has been appointed medical director for the Amputee Coalition of America.

In this capacity, he will chair the Amputee Coalition's Medical Advisory Committee, a 13-member group that consists of the



nation's top limb-loss care specialists. The committee works to set

standards of care for amputees and to educate health-care professionals on issues concerning individuals with limb loss. Sheehan has been a member of the committee since 2003.

In 2006, Sheehan led the collaborative effort between the Amputee Coalition and the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities to establish the first-ever national standards of care for addressing the needs of individuals with limb loss. The standards, which became effective in January 2008, require amputation programs to provide a holistic, interdisciplinary team approach to care and to offer post-care assistance in transitioning back to the community.

Sheehan is the director of the Comprehensive Amputee Program at the Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital of Maryland. He also has been working with the humanitarian organization Physicians for Peace to bring contemporary care to individuals with limb loss in the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

What's Up Doc?

CLASSNOTES CAN BE SUBMITTED EITHER BY EMAILING THEM TO BP-NOTES@BUFFALO.EDU OR BY VISITING [BUFFALO PHYSICIAN'S WEBSITE](http://BUFFALO.PHYSICIAN'S WEBSITE) AT WWW.SMBS.BUFFALO.EDU/BP AND CLICKING ON "CLASSNOTE SUBMISSIONS."

Burton Herz, MD '67, writes: "I have been named associate dean at New York Medical College, where I am professor of clinical surgery. I am also chairman of surgery and director of the general surgery program at Sound Shore Medical Center of Westchester. Currently, I am governor of the American College of Surgeons.

My wife, Jo-Ann, has just retired. We are liv-

1980s

Douglas J. Floccare, MD '84, MPH, FACEP Maryland State's Air medical director for the last 19 years, was named the nation's Air Medical



Director of the Year for 2008. He was presented the award at the Air

Medical Physician Association's national conference, held last October in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

IN MEMORIAM

John P. Pryor, MD '94,

leader of the University of Pennsylvania's trauma program and a major in the U.S. Army Reserve, died on Christmas Day in a mortar blast in Mosul, Iraq.

Pryor was on his second tour of duty in Iraq and was with a forward surgical team with the Army's 1st Medical Detachment. He was deployed on December 6, 2008, and was due to come home in April 2009. He died instantly when shrapnel hit the trailer where he was sleeping.

"He could have gone anywhere. He had that level of skill," remembers James Hassett, MD, a professor of surgery in the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences who helped train Pryor.

"He felt he had a special obligation to use his talents, and he had a very high level of compassion."

Pryor published opinion pieces in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and the *Washington Post* that chronicled some of his experiences as a surgeon in Iraq and was frequently interviewed by NPR and *ABC News*.

In a 2006 *Inquirer* opinion piece he described his first tour of duty at the 344th Combat Support Hospital in Abu Ghraib and wrote of the "palpable grief" that came over him when a soldier didn't survive.

"As a trauma surgeon, every death I have is painful; every one takes a little out of me.

"Losing these kids here in Iraq rips a hole through my soul so large that it's hard for me to continue breathing."

Pryor was born in Mount Vernon, New York, and raised near Albany. He earned his medical degree and complet-

ed surgical training at UB after which he served a fellowship in trauma surgery and critical care at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He then joined Penn's surgical faculty and served as director of the hospital's nationally recognized trauma program.

"JP was a magical man, with boundless energy and goodness," said Pryor's mentor at Penn, C. William Schwab, MD. "He was a devoted son, husband, father, colleague and friend. . . . At his core were many great values, but his passion for service to others" stood out.

Pryor had aspired to work in trauma care at a very early age. He was certified in CPR when he was 14 years old, joined a local ambulance corps at 17,

and became a New York State emergency medical technician at 18.

Friends said a favorite quote from Albert Schweitzer that hung on the wall in Pryor's office captured his spirit. It reads:

Seek always to do some good, somewhere. Even if it's a little thing, do something for those who need help, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it. For remember, you don't live in a world all your own. Your brothers are here, too.

Pryor is survived by his wife, Carmela V. Calvo, MD, a pediatrician at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children; a daughter, Danielle; sons Francis and John Jr.; a brother; and his parents, Richard C. and Victoria.

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John Pryor, MD '94, left, with his mentor, C. William Schwab, MD, chief of Penn Medicine's division of trauma and critical care surgery.



Pryor during his first tour in Iraq, in the spring of 2006.



2009 REUNION CHAIRS

FRONT ROW, from left: Frank H. Long, MD '44, Joseph F. Monte, MD '59, Kim Griswold, MD '94, George R. Baeumler, MD '59, and Nicholas C. Carosella, MD '54

BACK ROW, from left: Edward A. Rayhill, MD '54, Richard J. Buckley Jr., MD '74, J. Frederick Painton Jr., MD '64, Timothy F. Harrington, MD '69, Victor A. Filadora II, MD '99, Frank T. Schreck, MD '79, Peter E. Shields, MD '79, and William M. Healy, MD '84

NOT PICTURED: Andrew A. Gage, MD '44, Paul T. Buerger, MD '49, Max A. Schneider, MD '49, James J. White Jr., MD '69, Mary E. Schamann, MD '89, Elaine Karis, MD '04, and Michael J. Mineo, MD '04

Rita Malvaso Hancock, MD '94, writes: "I've written a weight loss book, *The Eden Diet*, and have a website www.TheEdenDiet.com. I'm a physiatrist



and a subspecialist in pain management in Oklahoma. I am mar-

ried to Ed and have two children, Lindsey (12) and Cory (8).

2000s

Margaret Eberl, MD '00, MPH '05, joined Lifetime Health Medical Group in October 2008. Eberl completed residencies in family medicine and preventive medicine at UB and a master's



degree in public health. She is board certified in family medicine and general preventive medicine and is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Brian J. Malm, MD '02, writes from Hamden, CT: "I recently finished a cardiology fellowship, joined the faculty of the Yale School of Medicine and moved into a new house." Email: brianmalmmd@yahoo.com

IN MEMORIAM

MAXWELL ROSENBLATT, MD '38, born in 1915, died on May 29, 2008.

THEODORE W. KOSS, MD '41, born on February 19, 1916, died on August 6, 2008.

WYLLYS A. DUNHAM JR, MD '43, born on September 25, 1915, died on October 24, 2008.

RAYMOND G. BONDI, MD '44, born in 1920, died on November 23, 2008.

GUY LESLIE HARTMAN, MD '46, born on September 11, 1922, died on August 20, 2008.

GEORGE W. POWELL, MD '46, born in 1922, died on April 13, 2008.

WILLIAM S. EDGECOMB SR., MD '47, born on December 4, 1924, died on September 2, 2008.

JAMES E. WHITFORD, MD '47, born in 1924, died on October 16, 2008.

NORMAN MINDE SR, MD '48, born on June 18, 1923, died on August 14, 2008.

THOMAS C. REGAN, MD '48, born on April 28, 1923, died on April 18, 2008.

LEONARD S. DANZIG, MD '51, born in 1925, died on August 20, 2008.

BERNARD SMOLENS, MD '51, born on June 2, 1921, died on August 16, 2008.

ROBERT MCDONOUGH WILSON, MD '52, born on January 6, 1928, died on July 3, 2008.

GORDON BOND, MD '60, born in 1923, died on June 21, 2008.

ANTHONY C. TRIPPI, MD '62, born on June 4, 1936, died on June 10, 2008.

PAUL CHERKASKY, MD '64, born in 1939, died on July 16, 2007.

KENNETH V. KLEMENTOWSKI, MD '66, born on September 1, 1940, died on October 17, 2008.

JOHN E. SHIELDS JR, MD '68, born in 1942, died on August 13, 2007.