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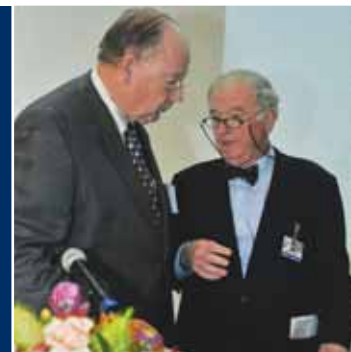
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from the surgeon-in-chief



Thomas P. Sculco, MD
Surgeon-in-Chief

The 90th Alumni Meeting was held November 13-15 and was a great success with the best turnout ever. There were over 380 alumni who attended the meeting which honored **Clifford Colwell Jr., MD** with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Cliff has been a truly outstanding alumnus in so many ways and continues to be active in clinical and translational research and his participation in the meeting was one of the high points of the weekend. The format was changed this year to a Friday/Saturday meeting with Saturday afternoon being used for breakout symposia in Spine, Arthroplasty and Practice Management. Friday night 400 staff, friends of HSS and alumni attended a cabaret evening at the Rainbow Room, which raised over \$420,000 for the *HSS Journal* and Medical Education. Among the incredible symposia at the meeting were *Lessons from Iraq: Transitional and Definitive Casualty Care* and *Navigating the Changing Landscape with Physician/Industry Relationships*. The dates for next year's meeting have been set and will be November 12-14, 2009.

The hospital completed its busiest year ever with patient volumes up 13% both for in-patient and ambulatory surgery. Ambulatory visits, radiology studies and physical therapy have also grown tremendously. The economic recession has not impacted hospital volume or operations to date, but has affected philanthropy and also research endowment. Overall, we are well positioned going into 2009 and ready to meet any financial challenges that may occur.

The International Society of Orthopaedic Centers (ISOC) was initiated at HSS to include specialty orthopaedic hospitals or large orthopaedic departments functioning within academic centers throughout the world. The inaugural meeting was hosted by HSS and held in New York in 2007. The second meeting took place October 16-18, 2008 at the Schulthess Klinik in Zurich. The organization has 13 members throughout the world representing Belgium, Chile, China, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, United Kingdom and the U.S. The ISOC brings together these

thought leaders in orthopaedic surgery and promotes worldwide clinical, research and educational collaborations. This organization is in keeping with the global mission of HSS to extend our educational, research and clinical knowledge internationally.

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Dr. Oheneba Boachie is currently serving as President of the Scoliosis Research Society, **Dr. Chitranjan Ranawat** assumes Presidency of the Hip Society in 2010, and **Dr. Michael Parks** has been elected to the AAOS Board of Directors as an At-Large member. **Dr. Jo A. Hannafin** serves as Vice Chair of OREF and will receive the Orthopaedic Research Society Woman's Leadership Award at the 2009 meeting. **Dr. Russell Warren** has recently been elected into the Hall of Fame of the American Association of Sports Medicine.

All in all, 2008 was a very good year for HSS. Please make plans to be at the next Alumni Meeting and we hopefully will see everyone at the AAOS Cocktail Reception, which will be held on February 27, 2009, at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas.

update from the physician-in-chief

On behalf of all of the current rheumatologists and scientists of the Division of Rheumatology at Hospital for Special Surgery, I am proud to send you this report that highlights the exciting clinical, educational, and research activities that are currently taking place within our service. Our vibrant academic rheumatology program is founded on a robust research platform that informs and enhances the outstanding care we provide to thousands of patients each year. Rheumatology at HSS has been dedicated to delivering the highest quality of care to patients with the most complex problems, uncovering the origins of disease, pioneering effective treatments, and training future leaders in rheumatology.

The Division of Rheumatology is a center of excellence in a broad range of inflammatory, autoimmune, and musculoskeletal disorders, including systemic lupus erythematosus and the antiphospholipid syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis, spondyloarthropathies and autoimmune eye diseases, scleroderma, inflammatory muscle disease, the vasculitides, metabolic bone disorders, and osteoarthritis. The foundation of each area is a strong translational research program that is supported by a patient registry and tissue repository; a disease-focused, multidisciplinary ambulatory care center; and a drug trials program. The Hospital currently has 50 active clinical research projects and drug trials across these disease areas.

As you know, HSS is affiliated with world-renowned medical centers that, within a two-block radius include its sister institutions, The Rockefeller University, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, and Weill Cornell Medical College. Special Surgery continues to deliver all of the rheumatology care for these prestigious institutions and also enjoys close academic collaborations with them in the areas of immunology, clinical epidemiology and health services research, cardiology, obstetrics, bioengineering, outcomes research, and bone and cartilage biology.

These productive cross-institutional endeavors are evidenced by our U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Center for Education and Research on Therapeutics grant that focuses on joint replacement outcomes, and in our central importance in Weill Cornell's NIH Clinical and Translational Science Center.

The Division of Rheumatology, with a faculty of more than 45 clinicians and scientists, provides rheumatology care for 10,000 new patients with 35,000 follow-up visits, and 1,000 consultations at affiliated institutions annually. In 2007-2008, the Division served as the musculoskeletal perioperative specialist for over 12,000 orthopaedic surgery patients.

A hallmark of HSS is the Musculoskeletal Perioperative Center under the direction of **C. Ronald MacKenzie, MD**, and **Michael K. Urban, MD, PhD**. The Center, with its unique collaborative spirit and the close, daily interactions between rheumatologists and orthopaedic surgeons, creates an environment that fosters outstanding outcomes. **Sergio Schwartzman, MD**, Director, and **Allan Gibofsky, MD, JD**, Associate Director, Inflammatory Arthritis Center and the Center for Innovative and Biologic Therapies, are guiding the development and implementation of new programs that seek to provide early diagnosis of inflammatory diseases and develop novel treatments that take advantage of the newest cellular and molecular discoveries.

Our comprehensive three-year Rheumatology Fellowship Program in conjunction with Weill Cornell Medical College draws on the clinical and research resources of NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and The Rockefeller University. The training program combines a broad-based and in-depth clinical and research experience supporting our Division's mission of delivering the highest quality academic training for rheumatology professionals.



**Stephen A. Paget,
MD, FACP, FACR**

*Physician-in-Chief
Chairman, Division of Rheumatology*

The program emphasizes research into the biological mechanisms of autoimmune, inflammatory, and musculoskeletal disease, and issues pertinent to clinical epidemiology and health services delivery. The success of this program is exemplified by the fact that three of our fellows just received Physician-Scientist Development Awards from the ACR Research and Education Foundation.

Our education program also includes an annual, city-wide Rheumatology Objective Structured Clinical Examination (ROSCE) for fellows, an innovative assessment tool that is favorably viewed by the ACGME. **Jessica Berman, MD** recently received a Clinician-Scholar-Educator grant from the ACR Research and Education Foundation based on her trailblazing ROSCE work.

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from the director's chair



David B. Levine, MD
Director, Alumni Affairs
Director, Archives

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For those of you who weren't able to attend our 90th Alumni Meeting last November, you missed change and we missed you. Hopefully, you will mark in your calendar the 2009 meeting dates of November 12-14. We will continue with the new meeting format of Thursday evening, all day Friday, and a half-day session on Saturday. Three specialty post-meeting sessions will be offered on Saturday afternoon. This fall, we will celebrate the orthopaedic resident reunion classes of ten years (1999), twenty years (1989) and thirty years (1979). Class dinners will be arranged the Thursday evening following the reception. Class presentations by your colleagues are always one of the highlights of the meeting.

LEWIS CLARK WAGNER AWARD

At our fall 2008 meeting, the annual Rockefeller reception honored past recipients of the Lewis Clark Wagner Award. This award was started in 1962 and is presented annually for the best resident's paper. Dr. Wagner's only living relative, a nephew, Ray Burch of Gainesville, Georgia, sent two Moroccan bound volumes of personal letters of his uncle to the HSS Archives and intended to present the letters in person, but unfortunately was unable to attend because of an unexpected health problem.

Over one third of the awardees attended the meeting. We were delighted to see **Evelyn Lance** from Honolulu (widow of **Gene Lance** - Wagner recipient in 1964) who accompanied **Carolyn and Cliff Colwell** (2008 Distinguished Alumnus) at the Friday night Benefit at the Rainbow Room.



*Cliff and Carolyn Colwell at the
HSS Fall Benefit at the Rainbow Room*

Some of the past Wagner Award alumni, not currently on HSS staff, attending the meeting were:

Stan Asnis 1972, President Harry Robinson 1974, Mike Panio 1975, Pam Sherman 1977, Past President Gary Gartsman 1979, Lewis Lane 1979, Norm Johanson 1982, Tom Mauri 1985, Bob Klapper 1988 and Aruna Seneviratne 2003.



Norm Johanson talking with 2004 Distinguished Alumnus recipient, Chuck Christian with Steve Magid next to him.

PLAN A TRIP TO THE BIG APPLE

This November treat your family and yourself to a fun weekend in the Big Apple. You may even learn something new in your field too! Drop me an email of some memories from the days of your training at HSS.

Once an HSS Alum always an HSS Alum!

David B. Levine, MD
Director of Alumni Affairs
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***Lewis Clark Wagner, MD (1895-1974)**, an orthopaedic resident 1921-1922 under **Virgil Gibney, MD**, joined Dr. Gibney's practice in 1923 and helped institute the annual HSS Golf Day at St. Andrews Golf Club in 1949. He served as Alumni President twice in 1930 and 1933 and three separate times as Secretary/Treasurer.

from the associate director's chair

As I write, the glow of memories from our 90th Annual Alumni Meeting warms this chilly day. Almost 100 of you traveled from 23 different states and six different countries to attend. Without you, a third of our seats would have been vacant and we would have been left talking to ourselves. Instead, you came. Perhaps it was the appreciation of the new Friday/Saturday format, the opportunity to sharpen your teaching skills at the pre-conference workshop, or the greater emphasis on debates and symposia. It could also have been the chance for subspecialty discussion during the breakout sessions, or perhaps the opportunity to share a magical evening with old friends in a quintessential New York landmark while supporting a great cause. Whatever the reason, you came and your presence made the meeting better. Thanks.

In case you missed the meeting, two initiatives were introduced. First, responding to prior alumni giving, a generosity validated by outside consultants surveying our alumni, the HSS Alumni Association established a fund. Now, grateful alumni

will be able to target specific projects, providing an individualized opportunity to give back, so that others may follow, knowing their gifts will enhance training, and will be assured of transparency and accountability.

Also, nine alumni classes nominated representatives. Establishing efficient means for communication enhances the value of our alumni organization. A vibrant alumni network benefits both those in training and our external alumni.

For example, alumni speakers provide real world expertise in our *Training to Practice* course, while residents and fellows discover attractive opportunities in alumni practices. Let's get representatives from all the classes and see what else the HSS alumni network can do.

I enjoy hearing from you. Send your thoughts and suggestions to me at richd@hss.edu.



Daniel S. Rich, MD
Associate Director, Alumni Affairs
Assistant Attending Orthopaedic Surgeon

WHATEVER THE
REASON, YOU CAME
AND YOUR PRESENCE
MADE THE MEETING
BETTER. THANKS.

SAVE THE DATE!

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COCKTAIL RECEPTION AT THE
AAOS ANNUAL MEETING

Sculptures by Richard MacDonald will be on display.

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an update from the chief scientific officer



Steven R. Goldring, MD
St. Giles Chair
Chief Scientific Officer

The Research Division continues to be successful in obtaining NIH funding despite the decreasing paylines. HSS investigators have achieved an outstanding success rate of 38% on NIH applications as compared to the 23.2% overall NIH success rate. Furthermore, we increased our federal grant portfolio by 14.6% in 2008. This includes the competitive renewal of a \$6.5 million NIH research grant to **Dr. Jane Salmon** for continued support of the PROMISSE study, Predictors of Pregnancy Outcomes in SLE and APS. Patients with SLE and/or antiphospholipid (APL) antibodies are at increased risk for miscarriage, preeclampsia and fetal growth restriction - major causes of maternal, fetal, and neonatal morbidity and mortality. The etiology and mechanisms for these conditions remain unknown and therapy is limited. This research aims to enroll over 1,000 patients at seven centers in North America, identify biomarkers that predict poor pregnancy outcome in these patients, elucidate mechanisms of disease, and develop novel therapeutic approaches.

With the continued growth of our Research portfolio and in further recognition of the role of interdisciplinary research, a new Research leadership position, the Associate Chief Scientific Officer, has been created. The Associate Chief Scientific Officer will work with me to develop and execute a strategic plan that will further enhance HSS' position as a leader in musculoskeletal and autoimmune disease research. **Lionel Ivashkiv, MD**, Senior Scientist and Director of Basic Research, has been appointed to this position. Dr. Ivashkiv has made major contributions to the understanding of inflammatory mechanisms in autoimmune and musculoskeletal disorders. He has an outstanding record of NIH funding, recently receiving his sixth NIH R01 award, and of publications in significant journals such as *Nature Immunology* and *Immunity*. Dr. Ivashkiv will continue to manage and direct the basic and translational research enterprise. The main focus of his efforts in this new position will be to develop a long-term strategic plan for basic science research programs; foster collaborative research among the basic science programs; and enhance translational research.

Innovation and technology development have a rich history at HSS. Shared bench-to-bedside insights and experiences have led to new discoveries, technologies, and systems to diagnose, heal and prevent disease. HSS surgeons, in collaboration with the hospital's biomechanical engineers, were among the earliest developers of prosthetic implants creating joint replacements for the hip, knee, ankle, shoulder, elbow and wrist, as well as devices for enhancing spine fusion and improving spinal stabilization. We have led the way to novel imaging protocols as well as the design of revolutionary fiberoptic probes for distinguishing healthy and diseased cartilage during surgery. The concepts and inventions developed at HSS have led to industry interactions and marketable products that continue to advance and improve the care of our patients. To enhance innovation and expand commercial opportunities at HSS, the Office of Technology Development (OTD), under the direction of **Donna Rounds, PhD**, has been created. The Research Division is working closely with OTD to further encourage and support the development of inventions, patents, industry-sponsored clinical research, follow-up funding from industry, government and philanthropic sources, commercial products, licenses, and other commercial endeavors.

Several division members won awards in recognition for their outstanding contributions. Please see page 21 for a listing.

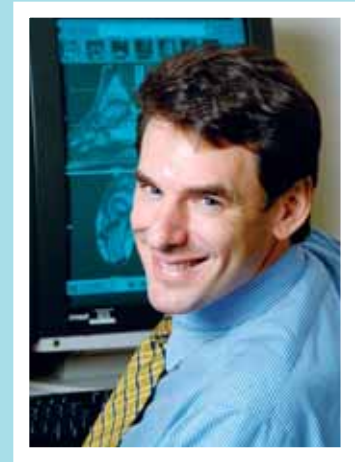
an update from the secretary/treasurer

Greetings from the office of the Secretary/Treasurer. Well, there isn't really an office, but it is a great honor to serve in this position. Hospital for Special Surgery is primarily an orthopaedic hospital and most of the alumni are orthopaedic surgeons. As a radiologist, albeit an orthopaedic radiologist, I am in the minority of alumni and look forward to serving the HSS Alumni Association and fostering continued associations of other alumni who are not surgeons.

My personal history with the hospital started about 35 years ago and has continued through the years. I was first a patient of **Dr. Bohne** after a car accident from which I gained an intimate knowledge of my current radiology department because of two knee arthrograms here. In college, I remember seeing **Dr. Warren** out on the field: not for the Giants, but for the then rarely victorious (but often injured) Columbia Lions. In medical school, I remember **Dr. Lane**, the school's archivist,

proud father of our **Joe Lane** and his alumnus brother **Lewis**, who continually talked up HSS. Somehow, I was fortunate enough to end up here as a fellow in musculoskeletal radiology (in 1997, the same year as former Secretary/Treasurer **Riley Williams**) and even more fortunate to have stayed on for the last 10 years.

As a non-orthopaedic alumnus, I have been involved with the Alumni Affairs Committee, but this appointment illustrates that all alumni are part of the association, can take pride in the institution, and participate in its ongoing activities. I look forward to your support (i.e., pay your dues), and look forward to continuing for many years the strong relationships I have found here at HSS.



Douglas N. Mintz, MD
Secretary/Treasurer, Alumni Affairs
Associate Attending Radiologist

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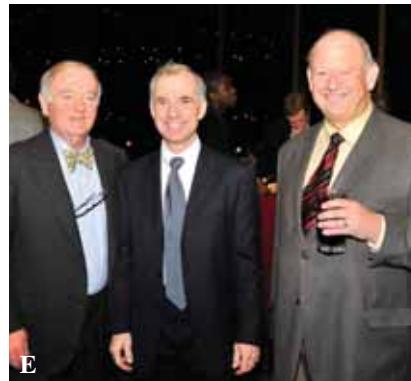
[Physician-in-Chief Update continued from page 3]

We are particularly gratified by the high caliber of our clinical and scientific leadership who regularly distinguish themselves, and our institution, by serving in key roles for rheumatological societies and associations; are authors, editors, and reviewers of the most prominent journals and publications in our field; and have garnered numerous national and international awards. Among them are **Michael D. Lockshin, MD**, who is Editor-in-Chief of *Arthritis & Rheumatism*; **Allan Gibofsky, MD, JD**, a former President of the American College of Rheumatology;

Jane E. Salmon, MD, who received the Carol Nachman Award this year; and **Steven R. Goldring, MD**, Chairman of the Research Committee of the National Arthritis Foundation, who was presented with the Klemperer Award in fall 2008. In addition, **Robertta Horton, LCSW, ACSW** was presented with the ARHP Addie Thomas Service Award at the 2008 ACR meeting. This award was presented for launching more rheumatology support and education programs than any other hospital in the country, among them the ground-breaking peer-counseling patient support groups—LupusLine®, Charla de Lupus/Lupus Chat®, and LANtern®

Lupus Asian Network programs. **Laura Robbins, DSW**, is also a past recipient of this prestigious award. Robbins is also the past Chair of the National Arthritis Foundation and a past President of the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals.

I hope that this brings you up-to-date and that when you come to New York, you visit us here at HSS. You will be amazed at the changes. Remember, you are and will always be part of this HSS family.



THURSDAY EVENING RECEPTION

On a November evening in New York City, HSS alumni gathered again in the Weiss Café at Rockefeller University to reminisce about old times. A few hours earlier, an intimate group attended the pre-conference seminar *Take Your Teaching Skills to the Next Level* to elevate their teaching skills from "good to great."

The annual cocktail party was the perfect setting to acknowledge previous Lewis Clark Wagner Award recipients who were honored during their residencies for their excellence in orthopaedic surgery research. These individuals continue to influence and impact our mission to improve mobility and enhance the quality of life through education and research.

Alumni conversed, laughed, and reminisced against a backdrop of lights from the city while enjoying jazz music. It was a night when old memories were shared and new memories created.

A - Stephen A. Paget, MD and Cornelia M. Weyand, MD, PhD **B** - David B. Levine, MD and Jon Wang, MD **C** - Some Lewis Clark Wagner, MD honorees, from left to right: Thomas M. Mauri, MD, Mark Drakos, MD, Stephen J. O'Brien, MD, MBA, Aruna Seneviratne, MD, Thomas P. Sculco, MD, Robert C. Klapper, MD, Stanley Asnis, MD, Pamela Sherman Browne, MD, Karen Schneider, MD, Lewis Lane, MD, Harry J. Robinson, Jr., MD **D** - Clifford W. Colwell, MD, Robert Cameron, MD, Mrs. Cameron, Carolyn Colwell Jr., Russell F. Warren, MD **E** - David B. Levine, MD, Daniel S. Rich, MD, Harry J. Robinson, Jr., MD **F** - Peter Millett, MD, Jim O'Holleran, MD and Eileen O'Holleran and their future alum **G** - Thomas P. Sculco, MD and Russell F. Warren, MD

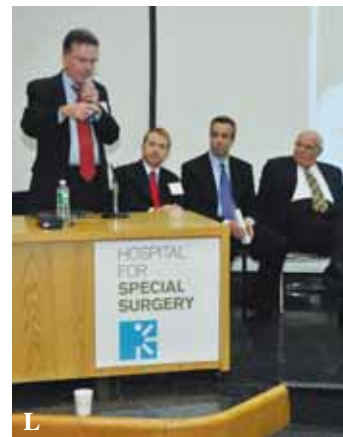
H - Louis Jordan, MD, Mark McKenzie, MBA, Charles Carpenter, MD, Sue Carpenter **I** - Judith Dines, David M. Dines, MD, Joshua S. Dines, MD, Stephen J. O'Brien, MD, MBA



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90TH ANNUAL MEETING AND CONCURRENT SESSIONS

The Alumni Association 90th Annual Meeting was a tremendous success. Over 380 people attended the three-day event. The Friday and Saturday format appealed to many alumni, who traveled far and wide to reconnect with old friends. Residents, fellows and HSS staff accompanied by family and friends embraced the opportunity to reflect on the past and contemplate future endeavors. Generations of alumni personally reflected on their experiences at HSS.

The well-attended CME-accredited academic program addressed orthopaedic topics and highlighted numerous guests. **Harry J. Robinson, Jr., MD**, Alumni President, discussed *"An American Surgeon's Experience: 35 Years in Adult Hip Reconstruction."* **Charles L. Saltzman, MD**, Surgeon-in-Chief Pro-Tempore, focused on *"Basic Concepts in Ankle Arthritis."* **Cornelia M. Weyand, MD, PhD**, Physician-in-Chief Pro-Tempore, addressed *"The Failure of Vaso-protective*

Immune Tolerance." Chief Scientist Pro-Tempore **Thomas A. Einhorn, MD** reviewed *"The Cell and Molecular Biology of Bone Repair and Regeneration."*

The interactive format of Friday's debate sessions allowed alumni to participate and showcase their expertise. External and internal alumni were able to demonstrate their orthopaedic knowledge.

The Saturday program began with a symposium regarding *Lessons From Iraq: Transitional and Definitive Casualty Care*, moderated by **Robert Bazell**, Correspondent, NBC News and **Edward V. Craig, MD, MPH**. The symposium addressed battlefield casualty and injury management from colonial times to present. **Bruce Simpson, MD** discussed the history of prior conflicts and how that advanced civilian orthopedics. **MAJ David N. Pressman, MD** and **LCDR John J. Keeling, MD** shared their first-hand experience in the Iraq conflict and exposed the reality of medical care in a war zone.

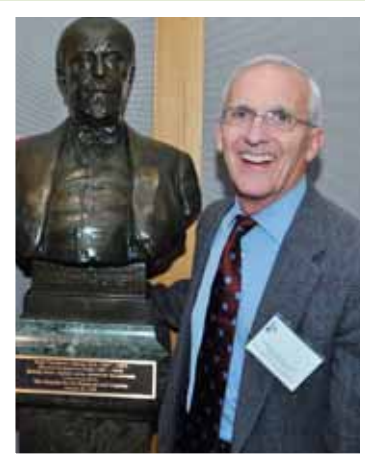
Saturday's session included a *Professionalism Symposium: Navigating the Changing Landscape with Physician/Industry Relations* moderated by **Daniel S. Rich, MD** and **Anil Ranawat, MD**. The symposium addressed contemporary industry and government perspectives.

J - Alumni participate in a question and answer session. K - Left to right: MAJ David N. Pressman, MD, Edward V. Craig, MD, MPH, Robert Bazell, Bruce Simpson, MD and LCDR John J. Keeling, MD L - James Sheehan, JD, Michael Saxton, MEd, FACME, Michael Mogul, Lawrence D. Dorr, MD M - Philip D. Wilson, Jr. reviewing archives poster about the American Hospital in Britain N - Thomas P. Sculco, MD presents the Philip D. Wilson Award to Asheesh Bedi, MD in recognition for the Outstanding Fellow's Paper. O - Eduardo A. Salvati, MD and Kevin L. Garvin, MD

Many of the presentations were captured and are available only to Alumni on our website at www.hss.edu/alumni. This portion of the site is password-protected, so please use the key word "Caspary".



P - David Mayman, MD, Michael Alexiades, MD, Steven B. Haas, MD, Friedrich Boettner, MD **Q** - Paul Lachiewicz, MD, Peter Millett, MD, Eric Tolo, MD, and Kevin J. Bonner, MD **R** - Attendees listen to a Friday afternoon presentation. **S** - Matthew Roberts, MD during Q & A Discussion with David S. Levine, MD and Douglas N. Mintz, MD **T** - Norm Johanson, MD, Manjula Bansal, MD, Mohit Bansal, MD **U** - Kevin L. Garvin, MD and Mark D. Fuchs, MD **V** - Kevin Pak, MD, Stefan Muzin, MD, Carroll Cooper, MD (Physiatry fellows) **W** - Michael Parks, MD and Robert C. Klapper, MD



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD RECIPIENT

In the Alumni Meeting tradition, **Clifford W. Colwell, Jr., MD** was honored as the fifth Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient. The award recognizes an individual who demonstrates leadership in their profession and actively participates in HSS alumni affairs.

◀ *Dr. Colwell standing next to a bust of Virgil P. Gibney, MD in the Richard L. Menschel Education Center. The sculpture is positioned at Dr. Gibney's height and was presented to the Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled in 1929.*

ARCHIVAL HALL OF TRAINING

Pictured below are some alums "on tour" led by **Tim Roberts, MLS**, Kim Barrett Memorial Medical Librarian, at the recent November meeting, **Roger Antoine, MD**, **Jon Wang, MD**, **John Edwards, MD** and **Tom Rizzo, MD** with others, viewing the *Archival Hall of Training* on the 8th floor of the hospital.





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BENEFIT

The HSS Alumni Gala Benefit took place at The Rainbow Room at Rockefeller Center on Friday, November 14, 2008. The evening began with a cocktail reception, followed by dinner and a cabaret show. The sold-out gala offered live entertainment by KT Sullivan, which was enjoyed by all. Proceeds will benefit the *HSS Journal* and HSS Medical Education.

X - Top row: Kashif Ashfaq, MBBS, Daniel Bigman, PA, Yonina Jacobs Rozbruch, S. Robert Rozbruch, MD, Austin Fragomen, MD and Ivette Fragomen Bottom row: Lisa Halfen, PA, Craig Fryman, Lubna Shafi, Raheel Shafi, MD **Y** - Aleksandr Khaimov, DO, and Thomas M. Mauri, MD **Z** - Cynthia Sculco, Mrs. Cosi Dorn, Ulli Dorn, MD, Thomas P. Sculco, KT Sullivan, Dennis Bertin, MD, Joel Mirbey, MD **AA** - Cynthia D. Sculco, Chairperson, opens the "Magical Evening at the Rainbow Room"

REUNION CLASSES

Class Presentations were among one of the highlights of the festivities.

BB - Harvey E. Smires, MD giving his class of 1988 Presentation **CC** - Richard L. Salzer, MD presenting an update on the class of 1978. **DD** - Kevin J. Bonner, MD, Hugh O'Flynn, MD and Michael Diminick, MD, Class of 1998



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HSS AROUND

*I often receive a number of letters from alumni during the year and encourage our alums to keep in touch, especially by email. Just before last November's Annual Alumni Meeting, my classmate, **Henry Sprague**, 1964 orthopaedic resident, who is now retired in Michigan, wrote that he wanted to attend, but his wife was recovering from recent surgery. He plans to return this November and hopes to bring his wife, who is doing well.*

DONALD C. STAHL, MD (1966) Fox Point, WI (retired)



-1965 Wagner Award recipient

As you remember, the Alumni Meetings were less formal.

As Chief Resident, I had the pleasure of

picking up **Otto Aufranc**, Surgeon-in-Chief Pro-Tempore at LaGuardia Airport. He had a leather bag of "cup" instruments and was friendly on the drive through commuter traffic to HSS. To scrub with him on a cup arthroplasty (a service patient I saved for weeks) was a joy and an honor. A year later, I introduced cup arthroplasty in Morristown, NJ and a few years later started our THA service. Hips were my home!

I was honored to be one of the early recipients of the Lewis Clark Wagner Award, for the unmatched opportunities in orthopaedic training and in professional ethics at HSS. These are memories I shall never forget.

Dr. Stahl was honored last June with the 2008 Als Ik Kan award by the Craftsman Farms Foundation in Parsippany, NJ. It is the highest honor bestowed by the foundation and is awarded to those who contribute in an exceptional way to the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms and the advancement of the American Arts and Crafts movement.

LÉON RIVELIS, MD, PhD (1956) Buenos Aires, Argentina



The four years I was at the Hospital for Special Surgery were among the happiest and scientifically profitable of my

life. My colleagues and friends during those years taught me the great values of American medicine and its people.

During my time, the leaders were **Dr. Philip D. Wilson, Sr.** (Director of Research), **Dr. T. Campbell Thompson** (Surgeon-in-Chief), and **Dr. Richard Freyberg** (Chief of Rheumatology). I will never forget the honor that the Hospital, through Dr. Wilson and Dr. Freyberg, gave to me. I had the opportunity to officially represent HSS during a lecture tour through many Latin American, European, Asian and Pacific countries.

I think that besides the scientific presentations, this was an excellent example of the democratic and international spirit of cooperation that prevails in America and particularly in our Hospital.

I remember 1956 vividly, the year of the "Manhattan" transfer, when the staff participated in the move from the building on 42nd Street to 71st Street.

I spent many hours studying X-rays with **Dr. Robert Freiberger**, who was a great man, and also a good friend. Together, we also participated in several studies with Rheumatologist **Dr. William Kamerer**.

I toast you at HSS, from my home country of Argentina, for "a long life and continued progress" for our institution, its people, and for the famous "spirit" of the very great Hospital for Special Surgery. God bless all of you!

Léon and I correspond by email every couple of months although we have never met. His late younger brother was Marcos Rivelis, a good friend of mine. -DBL

CARLOS MATAMOROS, MD (1964) Cali, Colombia

Dr. Matamoros, wrote to me in November 2008, reminding me that he was a rotating orthopaedic fellow for 18 months at HSS, NYH and Memorial Hospital when I was a senior resident. He started his spine training with **Dr. John Cobb** and **Dr. Konstantin Velis** and later with **Dr. Joseph Risser** and **Dr. John Moe**.



Dr. Matamoros returned to Colombia in 1965 and started a spine service in 1966. During the Harrington Spine Symposium of 2005 in Kansas City, he presented his

20-year experience in idiopathic scoliosis. As Associated Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Spine in Cali, Columbia, he recently retired but presents papers at their annual orthopaedic meetings.

He ended his letter with "Well, David, a few words of thanks for your friendship during my training at HSS, my home for 18 months and in my opinion, THE BEST ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL IN THE WORLD."

THE WORLD

By David B. Levine, MD,
Director, Alumni Affairs

Dr. Stephen Paget received greetings and recollections from Drs. Eloisa Bonfa and Juan Jover.

ELOISA BONFA, MD, PhD (1983) Sao Paulo, Brazil

I am glad to hear from you! I certainly hope to see you at the HSS reception at the ACR.

I am very happy I have been able to send a fellow from our

institution to work at HSS. Danielle Martin de Medeiros has been working as a research fellow with Jane Salmon since July 2008. I hope Danielle will open the opportunity for other fellows to come. My academic title is Full Professor. I am also the Rheumatology Physician-in-Chief and Clinical Vice-Director of Hospital das Clinicas. My husband's name is Haroldo Bonfa and my three children are Debora (15 years old), Rodrigo (14 years old) and Thais (11 years old).

HSS meant to me a great research experience with a solid and critical view of science which remains the basis of my leadership in Brazil. But above all, being a part of the HSS family is a privilege which means not only enormous support for one's professional career but also an assurance of friendship.

JUAN JOVER, MD, PhD (1987) Madrid, Spain

I am an Associate Professor of Medicine/ Rheumatology and the head of the Rheumatology Service of the Hospital Clínico de San Carlos, Madrid. I do clinical work, Health Systems Research (mainly in musculoskeletal disability) and pre- and post-graduate training/teaching. I am married, and have three children (f15-m13-m9).

For me, HSS is like home, and the place that proves that being a great academic center is possible without losing the human aspects of medicine.



Martha O'Brasky, MPA provides a recent update from Dr. Takis Koulouvaris.

TAKIS KOULOVARIS, MD, PhD (2007) Athens, Greece

Having worked at HSS from 2004 to 2007, there are no words to express my gratitude and my feelings for everything I experienced.

HSS is a unique place to study, to work or to be a patient. Indeed, it was February 1999, before my residency, that I visited the hospital for the first time. Since then my mind was at HSS. When I finished my residency, I took a fellowship at HSS. Soon I realized that these years would be the best time to improve my academic career.

I applied for the fellowship in February 2004 and I was interviewed by Dr. Sculco in March. I will always remember the stress I had when I met Dr. Sculco, who is a "living legend" for us in Greece.

From the first moment, everyone at HSS was so helpful and so well educated so that in three months it felt like my home. Although my knowledge and experience with basic science was limited, my mentors were so patient and well educated that soon I was able to follow them.

The experience I have had is incredible. Today I can say that at HSS not only I was given orthopaedic knowledge by the best



surgeons in the world, but I was also given life lessons by wonderful people.

It was June 2004 that I joined the philanthropic mission of FOCOS in

Ghana and I met again my colleagues from HSS. The moments are unforgettable.

Everything I am trying to establish in my country has the roots of HSS. Today I have a position in Policlinic - Olympic Village. I am the Scientific Attending of the University of Athens and I keep a position with four private hospitals. Last but not least is the position of advisor of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation-SNF- which I was given last October. SNF is an international philanthropic organization and I am trying to serve it with all my care. It is true that I keep HSS values in every project that I am asked for my advice. My current dream is to complete a research department at the University of Athens in order to run projects under HSS mentoring. One funny thing is that when I am in the OR, because I asked for so many things to be changed, there is now a phrase of "HSS forever". When I ask for something, my nurses say "HSS forever" even though they have never been. The impact of my education at HSS on my life is tremendous and I strongly believe that this is the best for my patients.

I will always have the highest praise for the outstanding quality of the work and the wonderful and warm environment at HSS. I really miss HSS, but I believe I will always be around HSS by helping in various projects with a unique mission to keep HSS high and to share this experience with other surgeons from all over the world.

The annual HSS alumni meetings are more than just scientific events; they are a time to renew old friendships, which often last a lifetime. Your HSS experience is a period in your life that acts as an important adjunct in your foundation, preparing you for your professional future. When you refer to your training at HSS in the musculoskeletal world, your colleagues know that you have been taught by some of the best in the field. Remember – Once an HSS alum, always an HSS alum.

ALUMNI PROFILE

By Colleen O'Shea, MPA
Manager, Alumni Affairs

2009 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



Thomas L. Wickiewicz, MD
Chief Emeritus, Sports Medicine
and Shoulder Service

Thomas L. Wickiewicz, MD has always valued the role that family can play in shaping your future. With admiration in his eyes, he followed his brother's footsteps into the world of medicine. Growing up, Dr. Wickiewicz' parents encouraged their children to excel in school. Having learned early on in his academic career the importance of education, he declared pre-med as his major at Saint Peter's College. After receiving his BS, he attended New Jersey Medical School and spent time researching cardiac arrhythmia patterns in dogs. Dr. Wickiewicz was on track to becoming a cardiologist but realized he enjoyed the surgery more than the cardiology. An unfortunate college football injury would lead him toward the world of orthopaedics.

HSS was the likely choice for his residency after hearing from his brother and the orthopaedic community that it was the number one program in the field. Dr. Wickiewicz reflects fondly on his training at HSS. He had the unique opportunity of training with **John Marshall, DVM, MD** and **Russell Warren, MD**, both of whom challenged and propelled him to excel in the field. This collective group, along with a friendship with **Dr. Steve Arnoczky**, a new researcher at HSS at that time, set Dr. Wickiewicz on a path for a remarkable career in sports medicine.

Dr. Wickiewicz recalls the transition and growth of HSS over the years and his first experience as a trainee. During his residency from 1978-1981 and fellowship from 1977-1978 there were a total of 12 attendings. This unique experience allowed him to work intimately with the leaders in orthopaedics and benefit from personal one-on-one instruction. Dr. Wickiewicz' extraordinary training provided him with the skills to be an effective teacher. He stresses the importance of mentorship in training programs. He believes they are essential in shaping academic and professional values in the next generation of orthopaedics.

After completing his Sports Medicine Fellowship at HSS in 1978, Dr. Wickiewicz decided to further his education. In 1982 he completed a Biomechanics Laboratory Fellowship at California Southwest Orthopaedic Group and a Sports Medicine Traveling Fellowship in the Department of Kinesiology at UCLA. Since 1982 Dr. Wickiewicz has been an HSS attending specializing in sports medicine, meniscus,

ACL and shoulder surgery. Teaching has always been a passion of Dr. Wickiewicz' and in 2000 he was appointed Professor, Clinical Orthopaedic Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College. Dr. Wickiewicz' exceptional reputation made him the inevitable choice for Chief, Sports Medicine and Shoulder Service at HSS in 1993. Since 2006, he has served as the Chief Emeritus, Sports Medicine and Shoulder Service.

Throughout his career, Dr. Wickiewicz has received awards and accolades for his contributions to orthopaedics. He has been named one of America's Top Doctors from 1998 to present and from 2004-2005 he had the distinguished honor of serving as president of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM). He is a three-time winner of the O'Donoghue Research Award from the AOSSM and a three-time winner of the Neer Award from the American Shoulder and Elbow Society. He has appeared as an expert on *ABC World News Tonight*, *NBC Nightly News*, and *The Charlie Rose Show*, as well as having published over 100 scientific papers, given more than 200 invited presentations and has spent eight years as Assistant Team Physician for the New York Giants. He currently serves as the Orthopaedic Consultant for all Division 1A college sports at St. Peter's College.

Dr. Wickiewicz has been at the forefront of orthopaedic surgery over the past 20 years. He has pioneered minimally invasive surgical techniques for knee and soft tissue injuries and conditions. His groundbreaking methods have helped patients recover more quickly and resume normal activity faster. His career goals are to maintain a practice which provides excellent patient care while continuing to teach in the ever-changing medical environment. He enjoys spending time with his wife Catherine, and two children, Philip and Laura. During his leisure time you will find him deep-sea fishing for bluefin tuna.

Dr. Wickiewicz believes that the key to the Alumni Association's success is to develop a strong connection between HSS' alumni and the hospital. In his words, this bond begins when a trainee enters their residency or fellowship program. The interaction with their mentors fosters relationships and memories that will last a lifetime. Once the foundation has been established, alumni are forever connected to HSS and are inspired to invest in the next generation.





LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

By Timothy Roberts, MLS
Medical Librarian, Education Division
Kim Barrett Memorial Medical Library

COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (one of the National Institutes of Health) is the Federal Government's lead agency for scientific research on complementary and alternative medicine. The center's mission is to explore complementary and alternative healing practices in the context of rigorous science, train complementary and alternative medicine researchers, and disseminate authoritative information to the public and professionals.

In December 2008, NCCAM released new findings on Americans' use of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM). According to this report, in the United States, approximately 38 percent of adults (about 4 in 10) and approximately 12 percent of children (about 1 in 9) are using some form of CAM. Adults used CAM most often to treat pain, including back pain or problems, neck pain/problems, joint pain/stiffness/other joint condition, arthritis, and other musculoskeletal

conditions. The most common CAM therapies were natural products (such as dietary supplements and probiotics), meditation, chiropractic, massage, and yoga.

Even as use of Complementary and Alternative Medicine becomes more and more widespread, providers and patients are often still unsure where to turn for unbiased, well-researched information on these treatments. In this issue of Librarian's Corner, I will describe a few good places to go for information.

NCCAM.NIH.GOV

NCCAM's website nccam.nih.gov has extensive information both on funding opportunities for research and on outcomes of currently funded projects. Researchers or potential participants can click to open Clinical Trials for these projects. The website also has information specifically for patients including broad overviews on the different modalities of CAM, fact sheets on over 200 topics and the opportunity to chat live with an information specialist, who can help patients navigate the site and find the right information for their specific need.

NIHSENIORHEALTH.GOV

The NIHSeniorHealth.gov site, sponsored by the National Institute on Aging, has a specific section on CAM for the older population — <http://nihseniorhealth.gov/cam/toc.html>. This site outlines CAM therapies for specific diseases affecting older adults and links to videos depicting and describing CAM modalities such as acupuncture, reiki, yoga and others.

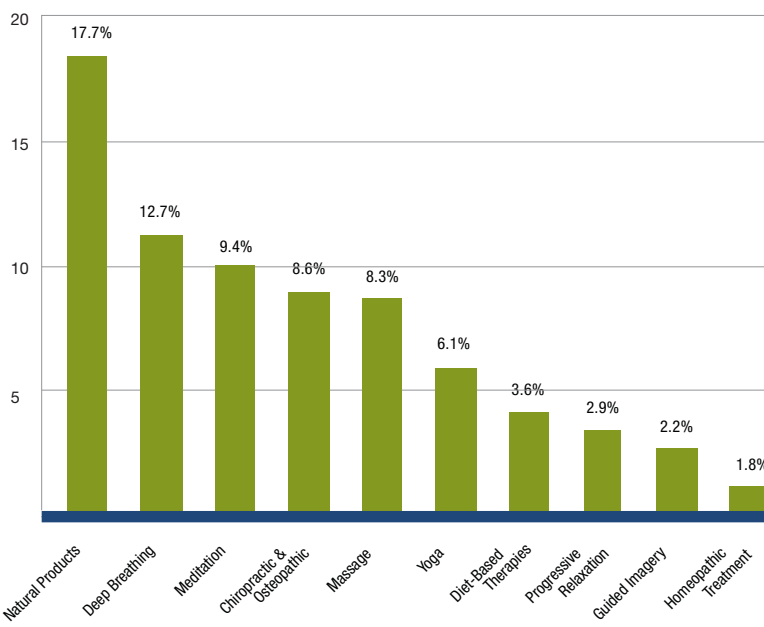
MEDLINEPLUS.GOV

MedlinePlus.gov is an all-in-one resource for reliable health information from the world's largest medical library, the National Library of Medicine. Health professionals and consumers alike can depend on it for information that is authoritative and up-to-date. In the Drugs & Supplements section, there is an extensive list of monographs for Herbs and Supplements. Along with information on dosing, safety and interactions, there is an easy-to-read table that outlines common conditions and the evidence for therapeutic efficacy of the supplement.

HSS WEBSITE

The HSS website is also a great place for CAM information. The A-Z list on Conditions and Treatments, <http://www.hss.edu/conditions.asp>, has entries on massage therapy, acupuncture, t'ai chi and other relevant topics. And the Integrative care Center's website <http://www.hss.edu/integrative-care.asp> details their patient offerings incorporating traditional remedies with new therapies that have stood up to scientific testing.

10 Most Common CAM Therapies Among Adults - 2007



Source: Barnes PM, Bloom B, Nahin R. CDC National Health Statistics Report #12. Complementary and Alternative Medicine Use Among Adults and Children; United States, 2007. December 2008.

Therapies with significant increases between 2002 and 2007 are		
	2002	2007
Deep breathing	11.6%	12.7%
Meditation	7.6%	9.4%
Massage	5.0%	8.3%
Yoga	5.1%	6.1%

ALUMNI GIVING

By **Martha O'Brasky, MPA**
Director, Education Division
Administrative Director, Alumni Affairs

HSS FALL BENEFIT COMMITTEE

The Fall Benefit Committee reported that the benefit held at the Rainbow Room in November 2008 was extremely successful raising over \$420,000 for Medical Education. Under the leadership of Cynthia D. Sculco the event was a tremendous success both in level of participation by HSS staff, alumni, residents and fellows as well as many friends of HSS. Money raised from the benefit provides major funding for the *HSS Journal* which was recently accepted by Pub Med as well as other initiatives including support

for resident and fellow research and *Alumni News*. Over the last six years the Fall Benefit has raised over 1.85 million dollars for Medical Education and the *HSS Journal*.

Mrs. Sculco commented that "Hospital for Special Surgery's outstanding medical education programs benefit patients and physicians throughout the world and reaffirms the leadership of HSS in the area of musculoskeletal surgery and medicine. Our committee is dedicated to making this a wonderful evening for all who attend and to raising the needed funds for this important mission of the hospital." The Committee looks forward to seeing as many of the alumni as possible at the benefit on November 13, 2009.

GEORGETTE "GIGI" VIELLION, RN, ENDOWED NURSING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

With the passing of a beloved HSS staff member, **Gigi Viellion, RN**, who made numerous contributions over her career to the enhancement and advancement of bedside nursing care, the Alumni Association established an endowed scholarship fund in her honor. We are grateful for lead gifts from the Marianites of Holy Cross, the religious community to which Gigi's sister, **Sister Mary Kay Viellion, MSc**, belongs, as well as Gigi's bequest of a gift to HSS. Special thanks also goes to **Dr. Merrill Ritter** for his leadership and early advocacy in establishing this initiative.



Dr. Ritter fondly remembers some of his personal memories of Gigi and recalls, "Gigi and I arrived at HSS about the same time and were exactly the same age with similar feelings, emotions and drive. When I built the Center for Hip and Knee Surgery (Mooresville, Indiana) and needed a head nurse to run the floor, Gigi came in a heartbeat and single-handedly put the nursing floor together and taught all the nurses ortho care. She knew more than anyone I know. Gigi was everyone's friend and had a way about her that encouraged 100% from all those who were fortunate to work with her. She continues to be sorely missed." Many alumni and staff continue to support this fund and we thank you.

The Alumni Affairs Committee working with the HSS Nursing Division is developing criteria to inaugurate this scholarship award to one nurse at the next Annual Alumni Meeting, November 12-14, 2009. To contribute to this fund, you can either mail your gift to:

Laura Robbins, DSW
Vice President, Education
and Academic Affairs
Hospital for Special Surgery
535 East 70th Street
New York, NY 10021

Or make an online donation at:
www.hss.edu/alumni

PAST AND PRESENT INVESTING IN THE ALUMNI OF THE FUTURE

For 2009, three initiatives have been identified and the Alumni Affairs Committee asks you to consider making an investment into the HSS Alumni Association Fund to support these priority programs. Although your contribution does not have to be restricted to these areas, special consideration is sought for:

- **International Learning and Training Center's (ILTC) Psychomotor Skills Education Laboratory (PSEL):** To serve an integral part of residency training at HSS by providing a simulated surgical training facility with equipment similar to operating rooms, allowing residents to master the myriad of devices currently used in surgery.
- **Medical Education Scholarships:** Goal to provide a limited number of scholarships for selected programs and award them to residents and fellows, enabling them to attend educational activities that augment their HSS training experience.
- **The Leon Root, MD Pediatric Outreach Program:** To continue the important work of a 20+ year education and outreach program providing free bone, muscle and joint screening to medically underserved children in Harlem, the South Bronx, Chinatown and the Lower East Side of New York, while supporting the pediatric education curriculum for the HSS residency training program.



December Wrap-up meeting includes from top to bottom: Janet Levine (Benefit Committee Member), Nancy Klaus (Director, Advancement Services) and Martha O'Brasky, MPA, (Director, Education Division, Administrative Director, Alumni Affairs)

Gifts can be made on-line at www.hss.edu/alumni or checks can be made payable to the HSS Alumni Association Fund. Donations can be mailed in the enclosed envelope or sent to Martha O'Brasky, MPA, Administrative Director, Alumni Affairs, Hospital for Special Surgery, 535 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021.

If you would like more information regarding initiatives of the Education Division, contact Martha at 212.606.1922 or email at obraskym@hss.edu

◀ *Members of the Alumni Benefit Committee reconvening in December to discuss outcomes of 2008 benefit and begin strategic planning for the 2009 event from left to right: Renee Flug (Co-Chair), Cynthia D. Sculco (Chairperson), Angela Errico, Stephanie Rich, Carol Ibsen (Special Assistant to the Surgeon-in-Chief) and Mary Jones.*

Benefit Committee Members not in photos:

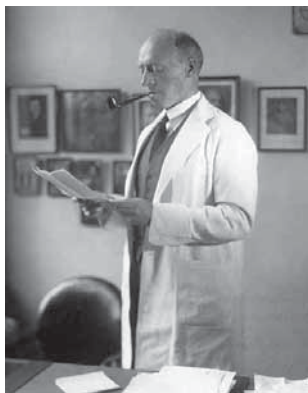
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FROM THE HOSPITAL FOR THE RUPTURED AND CRIPPLED TO HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY

By David B. Levine, MD

Director, HSS Archives
Director, Alumni Affairs

A CHANGE IN 1940 But More than Just a Name Change*



Dr. Philip D. Wilson, Sr. in his office circa 1934 when he moved from Boston to New York (from Hospital for Special Surgery Archives)

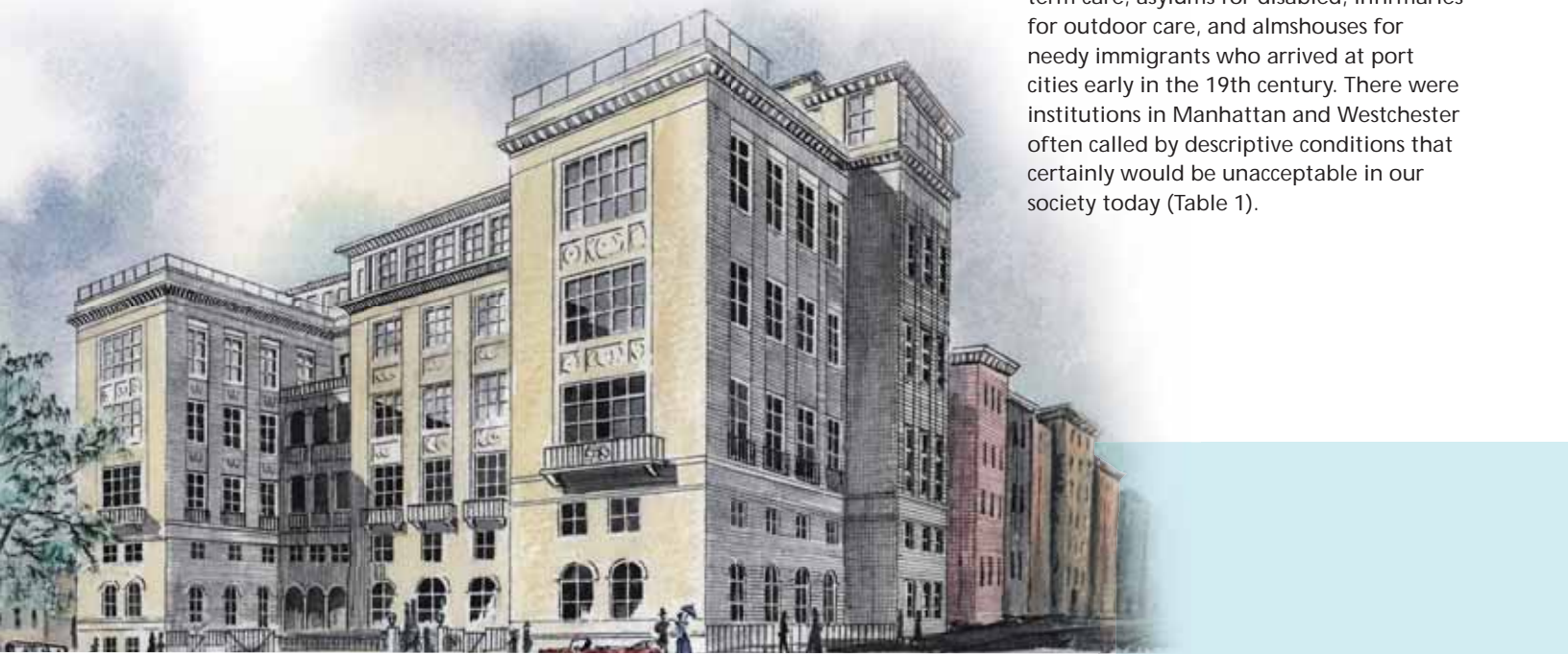
In 1940, six years after **Philip D. Wilson, Sr., MD** came from Boston to become the fifth Surgeon-in-Chief at the Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled (R & C), the Board of Managers of the oldest orthopaedic hospital in the country voted to change the name of the hospital to the Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS). When the Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled first opened its doors in 1863, the name of the hospital was not unusual; it described the type of patients treated.

With advancement of modern surgery in orthopaedics and hernia conditions, the relationship between the ruptured and the crippled, once held together by the role of the brace-maker, had declined. This inspired the decision to rename the hospital. The Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled was a well-known name at that time. New York hospitals during the 19th century were often known by a disease, a condition or affiliation with a religious faith or ethnic group.

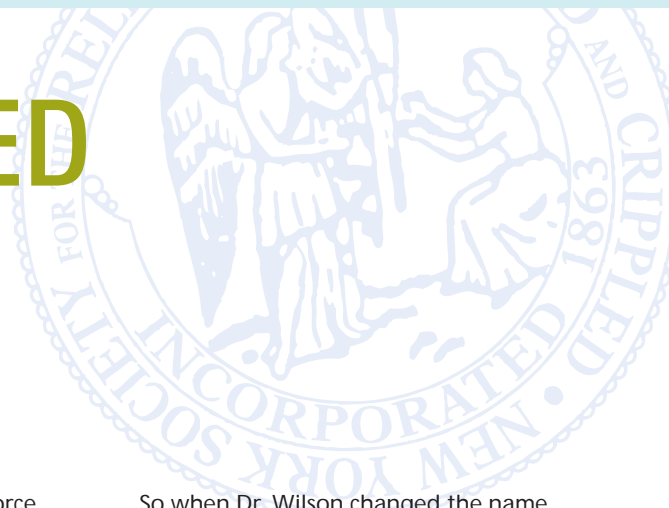
Lenox Hill Hospital was founded in 1857 as the German Hospital. That same year, Saint Vincent's Hospital was incorporated under the legal title of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. Mount Sinai Hospital, founded in 1852, was first known as the Jews' Hospital in New York. Aristocratic German Jews controlled the board, the hospital and staff. Until the turn of the century, poor patients of Russian Jewish descent were often treated as second-class citizens, while non-Jewish patients could only be seen for an emergency. Prejudice in class, religions and ethnic backgrounds prevailed in both hospital staff and patients.

In 1868, James Lenox, a distinguished member of the Presbyterian Church of New York, circulated a letter among his own group stating that while the Jews, Germans, Roman Catholics and Episcopalians had established hospitals for themselves, the Presbyterians had done nothing of the kind. The Presbyterian Hospital in the City of New York was incorporated in 1868 with Mr. Lenox chosen as President of the Board.

It should be noted that hospitals were not as restrictive to acute and chronic care as today. There were homes for long-term care, asylums for disabled, infirmaries for outdoor care, and almshouses for needy immigrants who arrived at port cities early in the 19th century. There were institutions in Manhattan and Westchester often called by descriptive conditions that certainly would be unacceptable in our society today (Table 1).



RUPTURED & CRIPPLED AL SURGERY



In 1969, Dr. Wilson wrote in the Forward of the biography of Virgil Gibney:

The adjective orthopaedic had been preempted by other Institutions of New York working in this field, and so the Board decided to make use of the title devised by the great British pioneer, Sir Robert Jones, to designate the surgical hospitals he organized for the care of the wounded soldiers who had received injuries of the bones and joints in World War I, all of whom were assigned to the division of orthopaedics, and so one historic title was exchanged for another.

It wasn't until after 1870 that hospitals started to be redefined as institutions of medical science rather than those of social welfare. A few voluntary hospitals, such as the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Pennsylvania Hospital, existed and were generally cleaner and better managed than municipally run hospitals but still were not widely used by the middle and upper classes. They had close affiliation with university medical schools. Their poorer class of patients was used for teaching purposes and their wealthy class patients provided revenues and bequests.

On February 13, 1941, **Lawrence McK. Miller**, the Secretary of the Board of Managers of the New York Society for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled, reported in the 77th annual report that the name of the hospital had been changed in 1940 to The Hospital for Special Surgery. He wrote: "For many years objections have been raised at various times regarding this name." The incorporated title, The New York Society for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled, was retained.

Dr. Wilson had been the driving force behind the name change. He had just organized a celebration of the hospital's 75th birthday in 1939. Times in the world were unstable. Germany invaded Poland September 1, 1939. Great Britain and France, having signed a pact to come to Poland's defense, declared war on Germany. President Roosevelt and a great majority of the United States wanted to avoid war at any cost, particularly since the country was rebounding from the Crash of 1929 and the subsequent Great Depression.

In the summer of 1939, while visiting in England, Dr. Wilson had met with leading British orthopaedic surgeons and inquired whether in the event of war, would the assistance of American surgeons be desired as in World War I. The British were most grateful for the offer.

On May 20, 1940, Wilson telegraphed **Mr. Harry Platt** (1886-1986), Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Royal Infirmary of Manchester, England. He offered to set up a hospital unit of orthopaedic facilities in Britain. On May 31st Mr. Platt replied:

"Officially authorized to say that your offer is gratefully accepted. All facilities will be granted by our Government for entry of members of unit to Great Britain. Our greatest need is surgeons with orthopaedic training. Grim days are ahead but we are undaunted."

The First Unit of the American Hospital in Britain, Ltd (Dr. Wilson and 11 medical staff) sailed on August 22, 1940 from Brooklyn to Liverpool on the steamship *Western Prince*. They set up six wards of 300 beds at the Park Prewett Hospital in Basingstoke in Hampshire, a converted psychiatric hospital.

So when Dr. Wilson changed the name to Hospital for Special Surgery, he faced other major challenges including unstable economic times, not so different from what we have been confronted with in 2009.

Dr. Philip D. Wilson, his staff and a very able and supporting Director of the hospital, **F. Wilson Keller**, courageously led the hospital through very challenging and disruptive years. Looking back, Dr. Wilson, a true orthopaedic pioneer, had the foresight and appreciation of long-term goals of the hospital and the ability to make such goals become reality with Hospital for Special Surgery having been ranked number one in orthopaedics in 2007 and 2008.

TABLE 1

Additional 19th-century institutions in the New York area with dates founded:

- 1806** – Bloomingdale Asylum for the Insane
- 1807** – The New York Orphan Asylum
- 1871** – The Stranger's Hospital
- 1866** – The Home for Incurables
- 1865** – The Home for Friendless Women
- 1869** – The House of Rest for Consumptives

*Abstracted from:
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ⁱ Back to the colonial era, the city provided Almshouses for the poor, sick, homeless, hungry and destitute.

ⁱⁱ The name The Hospital for Special Surgery was later shortened to Hospital for Special Surgery in 1996.

ⁱⁱⁱ Such hospitals were called voluntary because they were supported by voluntary contributions and not taxes.

2008/09 VISITING PROFESSOR LECTURE SERIES

UPCOMING DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH & HONORARY SERVICE LECTURES

MARCH 6

Patricia Mosbacher Honorary Lecture
in Orthopaedic Trauma
**Osteotomies About the Knee:
A Renaissance**

PHILLIPP LOBENHOFFER, MD, PhD
*Professor for Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery
Head, Department of Orthopaedic
and Trauma Surgery
Henriettenstiftung Hannover,
Hannover, Germany*

MARCH 13

Distinguished Research Lecture
**BMP and TGFbeta Signaling Pathways
in the Growth Plate**

KAREN LYONS, PhD
*Professor, Department of
Orthopaedic Surgery
University of California,
Los Angeles, California*

APRIL 3

Philip D. Wilson, Jr., MD,
Honorary Lecture in Arthroplasty
Orthopaedic Antitoxin

LAWRENCE D. DORR, MD
*Medical Director, Dorr Arthritis Institute
at Good Samaritan Hospital,
Los Angeles, California*

APRIL 24

John L. Marshall, MD, Honorary Lecture
in Sports Medicine
RICHARD J. HAWKINS, MD
*Clinical Professor, University of Colorado
Clinical Professor, University of
Texas Southwestern
Team Physician, Denver Broncos
Team Physician, Colorado Rockies
Principal – Steadman Hawkins Clinic
of the Carolinas, Spartanburg,
South Carolina*

MAY 1

Lee Ramsay Straub, MD,
Honorary Lecture in Hand Surgery
Advances in Total Elbow Arthroplasty

GRAHAM JW KING, MD, MSC, FRCSC
*Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery,
St. Joseph's Health Centre
Professor, Department of Surgery
University of Western Ontario
London, Ontario, Canada*

MAY 8

Distinguished Research Lecture
**A Framework for Understanding
Osteoarthritis of the Knee**

THOMAS ANDRIACCHI, PhD
*Professor of Mechanical Engineering
and Orthopaedic Surgery
Stanford University, Stanford, California*

MAY 15

Robert H. Freiberger, MD, Honorary Lecture
in Musculoskeletal Radiology
**Morphological and Functional Imaging
of Cartilage and Bone**

SHARMILA MAJUMDAR, PhD
*Director, Musculoskeletal and
Quantitative Research
Group (MQIR), Professor,
Department of Radiology
University of California at San Francisco
Professor, Departments of
Orthopaedic Surgery
UCSF and Bioengineering
UC Berkeley, San Francisco, California*

MAY 29

William R. Salomon Honorary Lecture
in Spinal Disease
BARTH GREEN, MD
*Chairman and Professor
Department of Neurosurgery
University of Miami School of Medicine
Founder, The Miami Project to
Cure Paralysis*

JUNE 5

David B. Levine, MD,
Honorary Lecture in Spinal Deformity
DAVID S. BRADFORD, MD
*Professor and Chair Emeritus
University of California at San Francisco
San Francisco, California*

JUNE 19

Distinguished Research Lecture
**Can Metalloproteinases be
Therapeutic Targets in Osteoarthritis?**

HIDEAKI NAGASE, PhD
*Professor and Head of Matrix Biology
Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology Division
Imperial College London
London, United Kingdom*

DATE/TIME

Fridays, 7:30 - 8:30 am

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AWARDS & ACCOLADES

■ 1950s

Sheldon Lichtblau, MD (1959) has been appointed Director of Outpatient Orthopaedics at Mount Sinai. He is no longer performing surgery and has significantly increased the amount of time he spends teaching.

■ 1960s

Leon Root, MD (1961) was one of three honorees who received the Lillian D. Wald Award. The award is presented every year at the Visiting Nurses Service of New York (VNSNY) benefit dinner. The award, named after the public health pioneer and founder of VNSNY, is presented in recognition of individuals who have made significant contributions to the health and welfare of New Yorkers.

■ 1970s

Thomas P. Sculco, MD (1974) was one of three honorees recognized by the Columbus Citizens Foundation. As part of this recognition, Dr. Sculco was invited to celebrate his Italian-American heritage by riding on the Foundation's floats in the 64th Annual Columbus Day Parade down Fifth Avenue on October 13, 2008.

■ 1980s

Oheneba Boachie-Adjei, MD (1986) was appointed President of the Scoliosis Research Society. This professional organization is made up of physicians and allied health providers who focus on administering continuing medical education to healthcare professionals and offer information on funding/supporting research in spinal deformities. Dr. Boachie will help continue to ensure that the Scoliosis Research Society serves as the premier access portal for the dissemination of information on scoliosis and related spine deformities.

Judith W. Smith, MD (1988) has been appointed to the Board of the Orthopaedic Learning Center in Rosemont, Illinois. She has also recently become a fellow of the American College of Physician Executives, which is an organization that helps physicians build healthcare leadership skills, earn CME, and graduate degrees.

■ 1990s

Jo A. Hannafin, MD, PhD (1991) has been named Vice Chair of the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF). This organization supports research and education to build the scientific base of clinical practice to serve the entire orthopaedic community. Dr. Hannafin is among almost two dozen individuals responsible for the governance of the Foundation.

Paul E. Kovatis, MD (1996) was voted "Top Surgeon" by peers in the *NJ Monthly Magazine* for the second year in a row. Dr. Kovatis was awarded the Honored Citizen Medal for orthopaedics by New Jersey Law Enforcement. He is currently an orthopaedic member of the credentialing and medical board at Hackensack University Medical Center (HUMC). The Paul Kovatis Honorary Scholarship has been established at HUMC and UMONJ for his work in orthopaedic surgery and the local community. In addition, he has been selected to be part of the clinical teaching faculty at Touro Medical School.

Cato Laurencin, MD (1994) was appointed Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Connecticut because of his strong administrative background and aggressive research profile. For the past five years he held the position of Chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Virginia.

■ 2000s

Kevin M. Trapp, MD (2004) joined the medical staff at St. Anthony Community Hospital. He has an extreme interest and specialized training in joint replacement, including revision of the hip, knee and shoulder.

■ HSS STAFF

Steven Goldring, MD, Chief Scientific Officer, received the Paul Klemperer Award and Medal, and gave the 21st Paul Klemperer Lecture on "Pathology Teaches Physiology." The honor is presented by the New York Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation and New York Academy of Medicine to an individual for outstanding achievements and contributions to the study of connective tissues and their diseases. This is considered one of the most prestigious awards in the area of musculoskeletal disease.

Michael D. Lockshin, MD, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. Study Sections, Editorial Boards, Professional Organization Roles.

Timothy Wright, PhD, served on a special study section to review grant applications for NIAMS Musculoskeletal Diseases Research Core Centers. Also, Dr. Wright was an invited participant in the NIAMS Musculoskeletal Biology and Diseases Roundtable held in Bethesda, MD. The roundtable is one of five designed to inform the development of NIAMS' new Long-Range Plan for fiscal years 2010-2014.

IN MEMORIAM

LANCE PETERS, MD

(1999 resident/2001 fellow) passed away suddenly on December 26, 2008. Dr. Peters was a graduate of Weill Cornell Medical College and completed his residency at Hospital for Special Surgery in 2001. He specialized in joint replacements and practiced in Binghamton, Ithaca, and

Auburn, NY. Those wishing may contribute to Auburn Hospital Foundation-Memorial Orthopaedic Fund, 17 Lansing Street, Auburn, NY 13021.

GEORGE KENYON CARPENTER, JR., MD

(1962 resident) passed away on September 13, 2008. He graduated from Vanderbilt and attended the University of Tennessee at Memphis for medical school. He completed

his residency in orthopaedic surgery at Hospital for Special Surgery in 1962. Dr. Carpenter served as a surgeon with the United States army in Korea and when he returned home, took up practice with the group his father founded, Nashville Orthopaedic Associates (now Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance.) He retired in 1992.

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Be sure to check out the newly redesigned HSS.edu which features an updated design paired with easier navigation for web users. The alumni portion of the site, www.hss.edu/alumni, contains timely information of interest to HSS alumni.

It includes an improved, password-protected Alumni Directory, a list of upcoming events, updates, history, Annual Alumni Meeting excerpts and back issues of *Alumni News*. You can also use a link to pay your dues securely online.

NOTE: password has changed from "Mary" to "Caspary".

ALUMNI NEWS DESIGN

You may notice that this issue of *Alumni News* is sporting a refreshed and updated look. We are transitioning to a new publication format and our fall issue will roll out an entirely new publication design. We hope you enjoy the improvements along the way and welcome your feedback. Please contact Marcia Ennis, Editor, *Alumni News* at ennism@hss.edu with any thoughts. Thank you!

EDUCATION PROGRAM CALENDAR

Upcoming Professional Education Programs

HSS offers CME programs throughout the year. All courses below will be held in New York City. Register online at www.hss.edu/cme. Questions? Email professionaleducation@hss.edu or call 212.606.1057.

11th Annual Sports Medicine for the Young Athlete

February 21, 2009

Target Audience: pediatricians, sports medicine physicians, nurses and nurse practitioners, athletic trainers, physical therapists, residents and fellows

Osteotomies About the Knee: An Intensive Skill-Building Symposium

March 6, 2009

Target Audience: orthopaedic surgeons, residents, fellows, surgical assistants

3rd Annual Current Concepts in Sports Medicine

April 23-25, 2009

Target Audience: physical therapists, athletic trainers, sports medicine physicians, residents and fellows

13th Annual Controversies & Fundamentals in Regional Anesthesia

May 30, 2009

Target Audience: anesthesiologists, CRNAs, residents and fellows

Operative Management of Pediatric Fractures

June 5, 2009

Target Audience: orthopaedic surgeons, residents and fellows

Total Rehabilitation for the Joint: A Comprehensive Guide for the Rehabilitation Specialist

September 11, 2009

Target Audience: physical therapists, athletic trainers, residents and fellows

91st Annual Alumni Meeting

November 12-14, 2009

Target Audience: HSS Alumni and staff