



INAUGURAL CAC SPRING EVENT: SEXUALLY SPEAKING FEATURING DR. RUTH WESTHEIMER

On April 21, 2010 the NewYork Weill Cornell Medical Center Alumni Council welcomed world renowned psychologist, Dr. Ruth Westheimer. Over 120 members and guests attended to hear her presentation, *Sexually Speaking*. Dr. Westheimer shared her background with our guests and expressed appreciation for the education in human sexuality that she received studying at what was then New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center under Dr. Helen Singer Kaplan. Members enjoyed the light-hearted sense of humor she injected into her bold and candid presentation and question and answer session. Dr. Westheimer had the unique ability to connect with all our participants, her wisdom transcended all generations and backgrounds. Guests received a copy of her book, *Musically Speaking*, which Dr. Westheimer personally signed at the cocktail reception which followed in the Griffis Faculty Club.

The Center Alumni Council has worked to develop a sense of community at the Medical Center over the years by encouraging the coming together of current and former faculty and staff members of both NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and Weill Cornell Medical College. This was our inaugural CAC Spring Event and we look forward to more events like this in the future.



Dr. Ruth Westheimer addresses CAC members and guests in the Uris Auditorium.



Frank A. Chervenak, M.D., CAC President (right); Amos Grunebaum, M.D. (center); and Catherine Warner (left) welcome Dr. Ruth Westheimer



Guests enjoy the opportunity to meet with Dr. Westheimer for cocktails and book signing in Griffis Faculty Club.

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SUPPORT THE WEILL CORNELL COMMUNITY CLINIC (WCCC)

One of the goals of the Center Alumni Council is to promote the educational, research and clinical missions of NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. The CAC Board and Fundraising Committee identified an initiative that we strongly believe supports this mission. This year, we would like to encourage the CAC, as a group, to focus their fundraising efforts on the Weill Cornell Community Clinic (WCCC). The WCCC, located on the first floor of the Helmsley Medical Tower at 505 East 70th Street in New York City, is a medical clinic run by volunteer medical students and physicians that provides primary health care services including:

consultation, treatment, prescription assistance, referral services, and screening for permanent healthcare insurance programs. Working at this clinic educates our medical students on medical and social issues surrounding the care of low income populations and enhances the philanthropic spirit of the medical students and faculty at Weill Cornell Medical College. It fosters a sense of civic responsibility and humanitarianism in medicine at both the Weill Cornell Medical College and NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. For more information about the WCCC, please visit the website at: <http://wccc.med.cornell.edu/>. We hope you will join us in supporting this project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THIRD ANNUAL HOUSESTAFF WELCOME RECEPTION

The CAC Board of Trustees will host the third annual Housestaff Welcome Reception on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Griffis Faculty Club. Department Chairs, Residency Program Directors and Coordinators, and Housestaff Quality Council members will join us to meet, greet and interact with the new residents and welcome them to our Medical Center.

2010 CENTER ALUMNI COUNCIL AWARDS DINNER

Our annual NewYork Weill Cornell Medical Center Alumni Council Awards Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2010. Biennially (on even years), the Center Alumni Council presents the Distinguished Achievement Award for Physicians. Special thanks to all our CAC members who submitted nominations. The CAC Awards & Nominations Committee worked diligently to review every submission and select a deserving candidate for this award. The CAC Board of Trustees is proud to announce that Henri R. Ford, M.D. has been selected to receive the award this year. Dr. Ford is Vice

President and Chief of Surgery at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles and is Vice-Dean of Medical Education, Professor and Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs in the Department of Surgery at the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California. We congratulate him on his many achievements and look forward to honoring him in November.



Henri R. Ford, M.D., 2010 Distinguished Achievement Award Recipient.

On this evening of celebrations, we also look forward to honoring a member of the housestaff in each department with the Distinguished Housestaff Award. Our Medical Center Circle members (donors of \$25,000 or more to the Medical Center) will also be recognized. It is our pleasure to announce that Peter M. Odell, M.D. is our newest member. We encourage you to consider making a philanthropic commitment to NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center and join the leadership ranks of the Medical Center Circle.

To learn more about the Medical Center Circle, please contact us as (212) 821-0948.

CENTER ALUMNI COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE HOUSESTAFF



We would like to express our gratitude to all our members who contributed to last year's fundraising efforts in support of the housestaff. Your donations allowed us to provide a grant to the Housestaff Quality Council (HQC). This group of housestaff, in which all of the clinical services and departments are represented, formed to make improvements in patient care and safety at NewYork-Presbyterian

Hospital. They helped to create unity by establishing relationships between housestaff groups, administrators, nurses and key physicians. In addition, they promote communication, aid in the dissemination of information to peers, and assist in compliance with hospital policies and procedures. The CAC is proud of the growing relationship with the HQC and applauds the progress and success this group has had since its founding just two years ago.

CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP FOR THE HQC



William C. Nugent III, M.D., M.B.A.
Chair, Housestaff Quality Council

Peter M. Fleischut, M.D., former Chairman and one of the founding members of the Housestaff Quality Council (HQC), completed his residency in Anesthesiology on June 30, 2010. William C. Nugent III, M.D., M.B.A., the former Vice Chair has assumed the role of Chairman of the HQC. Dr. Nugent is a PGY-4 in the Department of Surgery and will be assisted by the newly elected Vice Chair, Samantha Brenner, M.D., who is a PGY-3 in the Department of Medicine. Dr. Fleischut will continue to assist the HQC as an attending physician in the Department of Anesthesiology at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital.



Samantha Brenner, M.D.
Vice Chair, Housestaff Quality Council

HOUSESTAFF QUALITY COUNCIL WELCOME RECEPTION

Last July, the HQC hosted its inaugural Welcoming Reception for housestaff to promote the Patient Safety Campaign. This event was sponsored by the Center Alumni Council. It was so successful that the HQC hosted another reception this year on July 29, 2010. Plans are underway to develop an educational seminar in the field of quality and patient safety and physician leadership in healthcare.



COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

The Center Alumni Council is taking steps to communicate with our members on a regular basis. Recently we updated our website and added more information about the CAC, the Medical Center Circle, news about events, photo galleries, archived newsletters, and much more. Please visit us online at www.med.cornell.edu/about-us/cac.html.



SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES

In the past few months, we used email to send event announcements, post-event updates, and notices about recent projects to our members. The option to RSVP to events via email was also included in our invitations. We have found this form of communication to be useful and plan to implement a system of periodic email updates. To ensure that you receive these messages, please make sure we have an accurate email address on file. Update your contact information by using the reverse side of the donation reply slip included in this mailing, by visiting us online, or by sending an email to [centralumni@med.cornell.edu](mailto:centeralumni@med.cornell.edu).



NEWS AND NOTES

Communication works both ways – we want to know about you too! As we continue to develop new ways to keep you informed and share CAC news with you, we would like to learn more about what our members are doing. We invite you to send us your news. Tell us about your recent achievements, retirements, or any announcements that you would like to share with your colleagues.

IN MEMORIAM

David V. Becker, M.D. passed away in Manhattan on January 31, 2010. For more than 50 years, Dr. Becker was a beloved member of the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center family. He began as a resident in the Department of Medicine at what was then New York Hospital from 1954-1955, and was recruited by the Chief of Medicine to set up a radioisotope laboratory. In 1955, he became the founding director of the Division of Nuclear Medicine, a position he held until 1995. Dr. Becker

was Professor of Radiology and Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College and Attending Radiologist at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. He was an internationally recognized thyroidologist and a pioneer in the use of radioactive materials for the diagnosis and treatment of thyroid disease.

The Center Alumni Council would also like to express our sorrow at the passing of the following colleagues and friends:

NAME	SPECIALTY	DATE	LOCATION
Ira B. Cohen, M.D.	Internal Medicine	Feb 2010	NY
John B. DeHoff, M.D.	Preventive Medicine and Public Health	Oct 2009	MD
Victor G. DeWolfe, M.D.	Cardiovascular Disease	Jul 2009	OH
John P. Frazer, M.D.	Otolaryngology	Apr 2010	NY
Wilbur M. Gershenson, M.D.	Allergy and Immunology	Aug 2009	NY
Argyrios J. Golfinos, M.D.	Cardiology and Epidemiology	Feb 2010	NY
Clarence W. Jordahl, M.D.	Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Diseases	Jun 2009	WI
Harvey G. Kemp, Jr., M.D.	Cardiology	Mar 2010	NY

NAME	SPECIALTY	DATE	LOCATION
Ruth F. Lax, Ph.D.	Psychiatry	Jan 2010	NY
Herbert L. Martin, M.D.	Neurology	May 2010	VT
James F. Masterson, M.D.	Psychiatry	Apr 2010	NY
Joseph C. Mayer, M.D.	Psychiatry	Jun 2009	NY
Shirley A. Mayer, M.D.	Pediatrics and Public Health	May 2010	NJ
Stephen Nordlicht, M.D.	Psychiatry	Jan 2010	CO
Elisabeth P. Pickett, M.D.	Surgery and Urology	Feb 2010	CO
Charles E. Rogers, M.D.	Surgery	Jul 2009	NY
Muriel L. Sackler, M.D.	Genetics	Oct 2009	NY
Sue Kelly Sayegh, M.D.	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Jul 2009	VA

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