



NEW LEADERSHIP FOR THE CENTER ALUMNI COUNCIL: NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am honored to have been elected the new President of the New York Weill Cornell Medical Center Alumni Council. In the Fall of 2010, the new Center Alumni Council leadership was elected. It is my pleasure to introduce the new members of the CAC Board.

The Officers are:



President
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Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology, Weill Cornell Medical College; Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Weill Cornell Medical College; Attending Anesthesiologist, New York-Presbyterian Hospital



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Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology, Weill Cornell Medical College; Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist, New York-Presbyterian Hospital



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The new Trustees are:

Jack D. Barchas, M.D. (reelected to a second term),
Chairman of Psychiatry, Weill Cornell Medical College; Barklie McKee Henry Professor of Psychiatry, Weill Cornell Medical College; Psychiatrist-in-Chief, New York-Presbyterian Hospital

Joan G. Jones, M.D.

Professor of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Weill Cornell Medical College; Attending Pathologist, New York-Presbyterian Hospital

Peter M. Odell, M.D.

Clinical Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, Weill Cornell Medical College; Associate Attending Ophthalmologist, New York-Presbyterian Hospital

Robert N. Troiano, M.D.

Associate Professor of Clinical Radiology and Associate Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology, Weill Cornell Medical College; Associate Attending Radiologist, New York-Presbyterian Hospital

Collaboration with the Housestaff Quality Council continues to grow, so we have included two Housestaff Representatives on the Board:

William C. Nugent III, M.D.

Chair, Housestaff Quality Council

Samantha Brenner, M.D.

Vice Chair, Housestaff Quality Council

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Our committees work diligently to plan programs for the Center Alumni Council. Therefore, I must acknowledge the dedication and commitment of our Committee Chairs:

- Awards & Nominations Committee
– Vinod Malhotra, M.D.
- Fundraising Committee
– Mark W. Pasmantier, M.D.
- Membership Committee
– Thomas A. Caputo, M.D.

During my presidency, I plan to strengthen existing CAC programs, increase communication with our membership, and continue to promote the CAC to ensure that the many healthcare professionals at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center know about this organization and are encouraged to participate.

Your library privileges have been expanded. Previously, CAC members only had on-site library privileges. Now members also have borrowing privileges from the Weill Cornell Medical College Library. Simply bring your up-to-date CAC membership card to the Library's Circulation Desk and complete a registration form. A barcode will then be affixed to your card. We are working on other updates to your privileges and will keep you informed of new developments.

New members are always welcome. If you are not already a member or have not yet renewed your CAC membership this year, I invite you to join. Your annual dues allow us to fund and support our programs and activities.

For membership information, please contact Catherine Warner at (646) 317-7418.

2011 CAC AWARDS DINNER

The 2011 Center Alumni Council Awards Dinner will be on Thursday, November 3, 2011. In addition to our annual recognition of new Medical Center Circle donors and Distinguished Housestaff Award recipients, we will present the 2011 Outstanding Service Award, which is awarded biennially to someone who:

- is a current member of the faculty and/or staff at our Medical Center
- has provided service to NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center
- is a current CAC member

Outstanding Service Award Nominations

The CAC Awards & Nominations Committee would like to give you an opportunity to nominate a candidate for this honor. For your reference, past recipients of this award have been:

2005 – Ralph L. Nachman, M.D. 2007 – Joseph T. Cooke, M.D. 2009 – Roger W. Yurt, M.D.

To make a nomination, submit your name and contact information along with the name(s), contact information and a brief biography of qualified candidates to:

Email: centeralumni@med.cornell.edu • Fax: (212) 832-0172

Or via Mail: using the reply envelope that has been supplied for your convenience.

A form is available online at www.weill.cornell.edu/about-us/cac-awards.html

Don't worry if you aren't sure if your nominee is a CAC member – we will verify that information.

Nominations must be received by Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

CAC RECOGNIZES ACHIEVEMENTS



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

On November 18, 2010, we held our annual NewYork Weill Cornell Medical Center Alumni Council Awards Dinner. Antonio M. Gotto, Jr., M.D., D.Phil., *Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean of Weill Cornell Medical College* and Herbert Pardes, M.D., *President and Chief Executive Officer of NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital* were present for the festivities. Henri R. Ford, M.D., the *Vice President and Chief of Surgery at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles and 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* was awarded the 2010 Distinguished Achievement Award for Physicians. Though he was unable to attend the dinner, an acceptance video highlighting Dr. Ford's extraordinary career was played at the event.

We were proud to present 23 Distinguished Housestaff Awards to a member of the housestaff in each department for all-around excellence.

Five new Medical Center Circle donors (CAC members who made a philanthropic commitment of \$25,000 or more to NewYork-Presbyterian /Weill Cornell) were also recognized: Gregory S. LaTrenta, M.D.; Jeffrey W. Milsom, M.D.; Thomas W. Nash, M.D.; Peter M. Odell, M.D.; and David J. Wolf, M.D.

The Medical Center Circle has since grown to 47 members with Robert B. Snow, M.D. and Peter N. Schlegel, M.D. as the newest members. Medical Center Circle donors receive lifetime membership in the Center Alumni Council, are recognized at our annual awards dinner and have their names inscribed on the Medical Center Circle donor wall which is located in the corridor that connects NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and Weill Cornell Medical College. We look forward to updating the Medical Center Circle Donor Wall over the summer.



2010 Distinguished Housestaff Award Recipients



New Medical Center Donors: Thomas Nash, M.D.; Gregory LaTrenta, M.D. and Peter Odell, M.D.

To learn more about the Medical Center Circle, please contact Catherine Warner at (646) 317-7418.

HOUSESTAFF NEWS

The CAC Board of Trustees hosted the third annual Housestaff Welcome Reception on September 15, 2010 in the Griffis Faculty Club. Department Chairs, Residency Program Directors and Coordinators, members of the Housestaff Quality Council, and Center Alumni Council members had the opportunity to interact with the new residents.



This year, the Center Alumni Council will work collaboratively with the Housestaff Quality Council to host this Welcome Reception on July 28, 2011 in the Harkness Courtyard.

To request an invitation, please email [centralumni@med.cornell.edu](mailto:centeralumni@med.cornell.edu).

SAVE THE DATE: DAVID T. MININBERG, M.D. PRESENTS MUSEUMS, MUMMIES AND MEDICAL MUSINGS



On Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Uris Auditorium, David T. Mininberg, M.D. will present *Museums, Mummies and Medical Musings*, in which he will share stories of his volunteer work in the Department of Egyptian Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and his knowledge of Ancient Middle Eastern Studies. A cocktail reception will follow in the Griffis Faculty Club.

In order to participate, make sure your CAC membership is up-to-date. Space is limited. Advance registration will be required.

For more information, contact Catherine Warner at 646-317-7418.

COMMUNICATION: SHARING INFORMATION



WEBSITE UPDATES

Visit the Center Alumni Council online at weill.cornell.edu/about-us/cac.html. You can find general information about the CAC and its Leadership, the Medical Center Circle, CAC Awards, News about Events, Photo Galleries, Archived Newsletters, and more.



REMEMBER TO SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

We have begun to send email updates and announcements to our members. To ensure that you receive these messages, make sure we have an accurate email address on file by sending an email to [centralumni@med.cornell.edu](mailto:centeralumni@med.cornell.edu).



NEWS, NOTES OR IDEAS

Would you like to share news about recent achievements, retirements, or any other announcements with your colleagues? Do you have an idea for an item to include in this newsletter? If so, please send us your submissions.

IN MEMORIAM

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

Anne E. Campbell, R.N. of Syracuse, NY; July 27, 2010; Medical and Public Health Nursing

M. Michael Eisenberg, M.D. of New York, NY; February 24, 2011; Surgery

Morris Goodman, M.D. of Johnson City, NY; December 9, 2010; Pediatrics

Saul Scheidlinger, Ph.D. of Mamaroneck, NY; August 21, 2010; Psychotherapy

Please take note of the new CAC contact information. Our office has moved. We are now located at 850 Third Avenue, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10022. Our mailing address and email address have remained the same but the phone and fax numbers have changed:

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