



2011 CENTER ALUMNI COUNCIL AWARDS DINNER



The New York Weill Cornell Medical Center Alumni Council (CAC) hosted its annual Awards Dinner on November 3, 2011. At the dinner the CAC leadership acknowledged Antonio M. Gotto, Jr., M.D., D.Phil., *former Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean of Weill Cornell Medical College* and Herbert Pardes, M.D., *former President and Chief Executive Officer of New York-Presbyterian Hospital* for their support and participation on the CAC Board and for their leadership and dedication to New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. Dr. Gotto continues to be part of the Weill Cornell Medical College community as *Dean Emeritus* and *Co-Chairman of the Board of Overseers* and *Lewis Thomas University Professor*. Dr. Pardes also continues to serve New York-Presbyterian Hospital, as *Executive Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees*.

Mark W. Pasmantier, M.D. received the 2011 Outstanding Service Award for exemplary service to the CAC and New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell. Dr. Pasmantier, who is board certified in Internal Medicine, Hematology and Oncology, began his career at the Medical Center 40 years ago, beginning as a fellow and then rising through the academic ranks from Instructor to Clinical Professor of Medicine. He has held numerous positions both within the Medical Center and in the larger oncologic community. For over 10 years, Dr. Pasmantier has been a dedicated member of the CAC Board, serving in various capacities, including, President from 2002 to 2004. He continues to be active on the Board as a Senior Advisor and is the Chair of the Fundraising Committee.



Farida Gadalla, M.D., CAC President, and Vinod Malhotra, M.D., CAC Awards Committee Chair, present Mark Pasmantier, M.D. with the 2011 Outstanding Service Award.

The CAC also presented the Distinguished Housestaff Awards to a member of the housestaff from each department. Award recipients were nominated by their Department Chairs and Residency Program Directors for all-around excellence. There were 22 award recipients this year:

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| Michael J. Alfonzo, M.D.
<i>Dept. of Pediatrics</i> | Michael B. Cross, M.D.
<i>Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery</i> | Nathan Joseph Hahn, M.D.
<i>Dept. of Anesthesiology</i> | Steve Chi-Young Kim, D.D.S.
<i>Dept. of Dentistry</i> |
| Samantha Brenner, M.D., M.P.H.
<i>Housestaff Quality Council</i> | Timothy M. D'Alfonso, M.D.
<i>Dept. of Pathology</i> | Katarzyna Ibanez, M.D.
<i>Dept. of Rehabilitation Medicine</i> | Jamie Kramer, M.D.
<i>Dept. of Obstetrics & Gynecology</i> |
| Nicholas Connors, M.D.
<i>Dept. of Emergency Medicine</i> | Claire E. Fraser, M.D., Ph.D.
<i>Dept. of Ophthalmology</i> | Makoto Ishii, M.D., Ph.D.
<i>Dept. of Neurology & Neuroscience</i> | John Lee, M.D.
<i>Dept. of Transplantation Medicine</i> |

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Eugene Licht, M.D.
Dept. of Medicine

Michael Loftus, M.D.
Dept. of Radiology

Neal Luther, M.D.
Dept. of Neurological Surgery

Puneet Masson, M.D.
Dept. of Urology

Saral Mehra, M.D.
Dept. of Otolaryngology

Tarek Mikati, M.D.
Dept. of Public Health

Kristen Parker, M.D.
Dept. of Plastic Surgery

Cameron Thompson Stock, Jr., M.D.
Dept. of Surgery

Tamar Zapolanski, M.D.
Dept. of Dermatology

Matthew David Zimmerman, M.D.
Dept. of Psychiatry



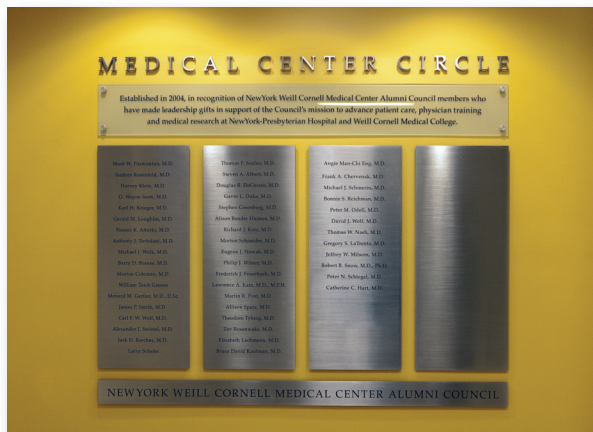
New Medical Center Circle Donors: Robert Grant, M.D.; Catherine Hart, M.D.; and Robert Snow, M.D. with Mark Pasmantier, M.D. and Farida Gadalla, M.D.

To end the evening, we recognized the four newest members of the Medical Center Circle – members who made a philanthropic commitment of \$25,000 or more to NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell: Robert T. Grant, M.D.; Catherine C. Hart, M.D.; Peter N. Schlegel, M.D.; and Robert B. Snow, M.D.

MEDICAL CENTER CIRCLE

As Center Alumni Council members, we strive to promote the clinical, educational and research missions of NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. One way to make an impact is to make a leadership gift and become a member of the Medical Center Circle. A gift of \$25,000 or more, split equally between Weill Cornell Medical College and NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, will qualify you for membership. Your commitment can be made in the form of a pledge that is payable over five years (\$5,000 per year) or by making a \$50,000 planned gift.

Joining the Medical Center Circle is a great way to leave a legacy. In addition to supporting a very important cause, the benefits to making a Medical Center Circle gift include:



- ◆ Your name inscribed upon the Medical Center Circle Donor Wall of Recognition which is prominently displayed in the corridor that connects Weill Cornell Medical College and NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital
- ◆ Recognition by the Dean of Weill Cornell Medical College and the Chief Executive Officer of NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital at a yearly dinner hosted by the Center Alumni Council
- ◆ Lifetime membership in the Center Alumni Council

We are proud to report that there are 55 members in this group to date:

Steven A. Albert, M.D.
Nasser K. Altorki, M.D.
Holly S. Andersen, M.D.
Jack D. Barchas, M.D.
Barry D. Brause, M.D.
Frank A. Chervenak, M.D.
Morton Coleman, M.D.
Douglas R. DeCorato, M.D.
Gavin L. Duke, M.D.
Angie Man-Chi Eng, M.D.
Frederick J. Feuerbach, M.D.

Richard M. Fuchs, M.D.
Menard M. Gertler, M.D.
Robert T. Grant, M.D.
Stephen Greenberg, M.D.
William Teich Greene
Alison Bender Haimes, M.D.
Catherine C. Hart, M.D.
Lloyd A. Hoffman, M.D.
O. Wayne Isom, M.D.
Lawrence A. Katz, M.D., M.P.H.
Richard J. Katz, M.D.

Bruce David Kaufman, M.D.
Harvey Klein, M.D.
Karl H. Krieger, M.D.
Elisabeth Lachmann, M.D.
Gregory S. LaTrenta, M.D.
Gerald M. Loughlin, M.D.
Fabrizio Michelassi, M.D.
Jeffrey W. Milsom, M.D.
Thomas W. Nash, M.D.
Eugene J. Nowak, M.D.
Peter M. Odell, M.D.

Mark W. Pasmantier, M.D.
Martin R. Post, M.D.
Bonnie S. Reichman, M.D.
Isadore Rosenfeld, M.D.
Zev Rosenwaks, M.D.
Larry Schafer
Peter N. Schlegel, M.D.
Michael J. Schmerin, M.D.
Morton Schneider, M.D.
Thomas Peter Sculco, M.D.
James P. Smith, M.D.

Robert B. Snow, M.D.
Allison Spatz, M.D.
Michael G. Stewart, M.D.
Alexander J. Swistel, M.D.
Anthony J. Tortolani, M.D.
Theodore Tyberg, M.D.
Wayne G. Whitmore, M.D.
Philip J. Wilner, M.D.
Carl F.W. Wolf, M.D.
David J. Wolf, M.D.
Michael J. Wolk, M.D.

We encourage you to consider supporting NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell by joining the leadership ranks of the Medical Center Circle.

For more information about the Medical Center Circle, please contact us at (646) 317-7418.

2011-2012 FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE- HELP US REACH OUR GOAL



Firefighter Jeff Giordano Burn Unit Playroom

The Center Alumni Council Board would like to encourage CAC members to support two pediatric initiatives of our William Randolph Hearst Burn Center – the Firefighter Jeff Giordano Burn Unit Playroom and Camp Phoenix. Thank you to all our members who have already made contributions. Thanks to your support, we have so far raised \$11,500. Please help us reach our goal of \$20,000 in support of these two very worthwhile projects. The playroom is a safe place for pediatric burn patients to enjoy age-appropriate resources (games, books, television, dvds and more) while receiving treatment at the Hospital.

Camp Phoenix is a tuition-free camp that, since 2000, has been run by volunteer Weill Cornell Medical College students under the supervision of volunteer nurses and physicians. This program, which annually serves approximately 150 former patients of the William Randolph Hearst Burn Center, is a valuable experience that allows burn patients to challenge themselves, build self-confidence and heal emotionally by building friendships, sharing team building activities and simply having fun with other burn survivors. In addition, while serving as counselors, medical students learn about burn medicine and gain experience in and insight into, providing compassionate care to young patients.



Pediatric burn survivors and volunteer WCMC student counselors enjoy Camp Phoenix program activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Center Alumni Council and Housestaff Quality Council Housestaff Welcome Reception

Thursday, July 19, 2012, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Harkness Courtyard

The CAC Board of Trustees and Housestaff Quality Council (HQC) will again team up to host the Housestaff Welcome Reception. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact us.

Center Alumni Council Fall Event – Featuring Tess Gerritsen, M.D.



Wednesday, October 17, 2012, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Uris Auditorium and Griffis Faculty Club
Internationally bestselling author Tess Gerritsen, M.D. will be visiting us to talk about her transition from a career in medicine to full-time novelist. A cocktail reception will follow during which you can socialize with fellow CAC members and have books signed by Dr. Gerritsen.

Dr. Gerritsen is a writer of romantic, medical thrillers and suspense novels. Her most recent work includes: *Ice Cold* (2010), *The Silent Girl* (2011), and *Last to Die* (2012). Her novels featuring homicide detective Jane Rizzoli and medical examiner Maura Isles inspired the hit TNT television series “Rizzoli & Isles”.

Make sure your membership is up-to-date to ensure that you receive an invitation to this event.

For more information about these events, please contact us at (646) 317-7418 or send an email to centeralumni@med.cornell.edu.

2012 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS

Every two years, the Center Alumni Council presents the Distinguished Achievement Award to a physician who spent at least two years as a house officer or faculty member at the Medical Center; has developed a distinguished career at another institution; and is a graduate of a medical college other than Weill Cornell Medical College.

The CAC Awards Committee would like to invite you to submit nominations for the 2012 Distinguished Achievement Award. You may submit the names of qualified candidates along with their contact information and a brief biography via either email, fax, or postal mail to the contact information listed below.

Nominations must be received by **Friday, May 11, 2012**. We look forward to honoring the selected recipient at the upcoming CAC Awards Dinner on November 15, 2012.

Our website is a great informational tool. To learn more, visit us at weill.cornell.edu/about-us/cac.html.

NEWS AND NOTES

Congratulations to Vinod Malhotra, M.D., *Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology and Professor of Anesthesiology in Clinical Urology, Weill Cornell Medical College, and Attending Anesthesiologist, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital*, and Jeffrey Perlman, M.D., *Professor of Pediatrics, Weill Cornell Medical College, and Attending Pediatrician, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital*. On October 6, 2011, these two CAC Board members and three other physicians at our Medical Center were honored with the 2011 Physician of the Year Award. This award is sponsored by the NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Department of Nursing. Nurse colleagues and professional staff nominate candidates for their exceptional collegiality, collaboration and overall contribution to the nursing practice.



2011 Physicians of the Year: from left to right: Samuel Merrick, M.D.; Axel Rosengart, M.D.; James Rosoff, M.D. and CAC Board members Jeffrey Perlman, M.D. and Vinod Malhotra, M.D.

We would enjoy hearing about your recent achievements. Please share your news with us.

IN MEMORIAM

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

Albert M. Arky, M.D. of Durham, NC; February 13, 2012; Pediatrics

Rhoda S. Auslander of Riverdale, NY; September 3, 2011; Psychiatric Nurse

McHenry S. Brewer, M.D. of Louisville, KY; February 19, 2012; Surgery

Lawrence E. Hinkle, Jr., M.D. of New Canaan, CT; January 10, 2012; Internal Medicine

Bernard Eisenberg, M.D. of Savanna, GA; October 13, 2011; Pediatrics

Andrew C. Leon, M.D. of Poconos, PA; February 18, 2012; Psychiatry

Donald L. Weeks, Jr., M.D. of Orlando, FL; June 28, 2011; Surgery

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