



2009 CENTER ALUMNI COUNCIL AWARDS DINNER

The NewYork Weill Cornell Medical Center Alumni Council hosted its annual Awards Dinner on November 4, 2009. Roger W. Yurt, M.D., Johnson and Johnson Distinguished Professor and Vice Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College, and Director of the William Randolph Hearst Burn Center at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, was presented with the 2009 Outstanding Service Award. Dr. Yurt is the immediate past president of the CAC Board of Trustees and has been an active Center Alumni Council member for many years.

The CAC was pleased to honor Dr. Yurt for his leadership and numerous contributions to the Department of Surgery, particularly his expertise in the areas of trauma and burn treatment, and express its gratitude for his nearly 30 years of service to NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

We were proud to honor Leonard H. Schuyler, M.D. with a special Lifetime Dedication Award in celebration of over 50 years of service to the Medical Center and his dedicated involvement with the Center Alumni Council. Dr. Schuyler is currently Clinical Professor of Medicine and Attending Physician at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell.

Since 1956, Dr. Schuyler spent many years teaching physical diagnosis to medical students. He has been involved with the Center Alumni Council since its onset and has served the CAC Board of Trustees in various capacities including the presidency from 1986 to 1988. To date, he continues his dedication to the CAC as an ex-officio Senior Advisor.

Every year, the CAC recognizes one member of the housestaff in each department with the Distinguished Housestaff Award for all-around service and excellence. This year, 24 recipients received this honor and were



Frank A. Chervenak, M.D., CAC President (right) and Vinod Malhotra, M.D., Chair of the CAC Awards & Nominations Committee (left) present the 2009 Outstanding Service Award to Roger W. Yurt, M.D. (center)



Lifetime Dedication Award presented to Leonard H. Schuyler, M.D.



2009 Distinguished Housestaff Award Recipients

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presented with a certificate and a \$250 award.

Our new Medical Center Circle donors are acknowledged yearly at this dinner. We are pleased to announce that 12 new members joined the Medical Center Circle this year: Frank A. Chervenak, M.D.; Angie Man-Chi Eng, M.D.; Frederick J. Feuerbach, M.D.; Lawrence A. Katz, M.D.; Bruce D. Kaufman, M.D.; Elisabeth Lachmann, M.D.; Martin R. Post, M.D.; Bonnie S. Reichman, M.D.; Zev Rosenwaks, M.D.; Michael J. Schmerin, M.D.; Allison Spatz, M.D.; and Theodore Tyberg, M.D.



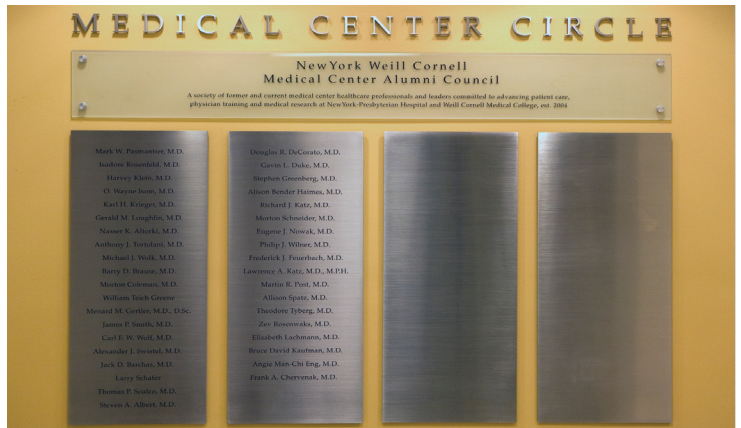
E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D., Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at Weill Cornell Medical College and Medical Center Circle Donors: Frank A. Chervenak, M.D.; Theodore Tyberg, M.D.; Martin R. Post, M.D.; Michael J. Schmerin, M.D.; Eugene J. Nowak, M.D.; Bonnie S. Reichman, M.D.; Angie M. Eng, M.D.; and Elisabeth Lachmann, M.D.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE MEDICAL CENTER CIRCLE

Philanthropic support is crucial to maintaining the standard of excellence achieved at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. As Center Alumni Council members, we strive to promote the clinical, educational and research missions of the Medical Center. One way to do this is to become a member of the Medical Center Circle. Support is shared equally between Weill Cornell Medical College and NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital.

A gift of \$25,000 or more will qualify you for membership. Your commitment can be made in the form of a gift or pledge payable over five years - \$5,000 per year; or in the form of a \$50,000 planned gift. Unrestricted gifts are encouraged as they are applied to areas in the Medical Center that are in greatest need. However, if you prefer, you may direct your contribution to a particular area of interest.

In addition to the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting a very important cause, the benefits to joining the Medical Center Circle include:



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

THERE ARE 40 MEMBERS IN THIS GROUP TO DATE:

Steven A. Albert, M.D.	Menard M. Gertler, M.D.	Elisabeth Lachmann, M.D.	Morton Schneider, M.D.
Nasser K. Altorki, M.D.	Stephen Greenberg, M.D.	Gerald M. Loughlin, M.D.	Thomas Peter Sculco, M.D.
Jack D. Barchas, M.D.	William Teich Greene	Eugene J. Nowak, M.D.	James P. Smith, M.D.
Barry D. Brause, M.D.	Alison Bender Haimes, M.D.	Mark W. Pasmantier, M.D.	Allison Spatz, M.D.
Frank A. Chervenak, M.D.	O. Wayne Isom, M.D.	Martin R. Post, M.D.	Alexander J. Swistel, M.D.
Morton Coleman, M.D.	Lawrence A. Katz, M.D.	Bonnie S. Reichman, M.D.	Anthony J. Tortolani, M.D.
Douglas R. DeCorato, M.D.	Richard J. Katz, M.D.	Isadore Rosenfeld, M.D.	Theodore Tyberg, M.D.
Gavin L. Duke, M.D.	Bruce David Kaufman, M.D.	Zev Rosenwaks, M.D.	Philip J. Wilner, M.D.
Angie Man-Chi Eng, M.D.	Harvey Klein, M.D.	Larry Schafer	Carl F.W. Wolf, M.D.
Frederick J. Feuerbach, M.D.	Karl H. Krieger, M.D.	Michael J. Schmerin, M.D.	Michael J. Wolke, M.D.

We encourage you to consider joining the leadership ranks of the Medical Center Circle.

For more information about the Medical Center Circle, please contact us at (212) 821-0948.

COLLABORATION GROWS BETWEEN CENTER ALUMNI COUNCIL AND HOUSESTAFF QUALITY COUNCIL

A bond has formed between the Center Alumni Council (CAC) and the Housestaff Quality Council (HQC) – an outstanding group of residents who come together to focus on one of the key missions of NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital – to build upon quality patient care initiatives. As part of this new collaboration, the CAC Board invited two members of the HQC to serve as housestaff representatives on the CAC Board. In turn, a member of the CAC Board will attend the HQC monthly meetings.

The HQC consists of housestaff representatives from each of the residency programs. They work under the leadership of Chair, Peter Fleischut, M.D.; Vice Chair, William Nugent, M.D.; Faculty Advisor, Gregory Kerr, M.D.; and other key faculty and nursing advisors who meet regularly with the senior administration to discuss ways to promote patient safety practices.

On July 30, 2009, with the sponsorship of the Center Alumni Council, the HQC hosted an outdoor cocktail reception in the Harkness Courtyard. The goal of this event was to improve communication with housestaff by introducing the new Patient Safety Awareness Campaign and announcing the launch of the new HQC InfoNet website, containing key information about the HQC and links to important NewYork-Presbyterian policies and procedures.

We are delighted to support the work and innovative efforts of the Housestaff Quality Council and we look forward to increased collaboration between both groups.



Housestaff Quality Council Members: Adam S. Evans, M.D., M.B.A.; Gregory E. Kerr, M.D., M.B.A.; William Nugent, M.D., M.B.A.; Eliot Lazar, M.D., M.B.A.; and Peter M. Fleischut, M.D.



Housestaff enjoy reception in the Harkness Courtyard

HOUSESTAFF WELCOME RECEPTION

The Membership Committee continually explores ways to engage members of the CAC in its activities and increase awareness of the CAC in the Medical Center as a whole. The Housestaff Welcome Reception gives us one such opportunity. The Second Annual Housestaff Welcome Reception was held on September 17, 2009 in the Griffis Faculty Club. Department Chairs, Residency Program Directors and Coordinators and Housestaff Quality Council members united with the CAC Board of Trustees to interact with the new residents and welcome them to our Medical Center.



Guests from Rehabilitation Medicine



Guests from Obstetrics & Gynecology

CAC SPRING EVENT WELCOMES DR. RUTH WESTHEIMER

Early Bird announcement! On Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Uris Auditorium, the renowned Dr. Ruth Westheimer will present *Sexually Speaking*. A cocktail reception and book signing will follow in the Griffis Faculty Club. Dr. Westheimer is currently an Adjunct Professor at N.Y.U., and a fellow of both Calhoun College at Yale and Butler College at Princeton as well as a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine. She serves as the Honorary President of the Council on

Sexuality and Aging at the National Sexuality Resource Center. She is the author of 35 books, has her own private practice in New York, and lectures worldwide.

All CAC members will be invited to attend. Space is limited, so advance registration will be required. To ensure you receive an invitation to this event, renew your membership or join the CAC today! Be on the lookout for your invitation in February.



Dr. Ruth Westheimer

For more information on this event or how to join the CAC, please contact (212) 821-0948.

THANK YOU!

One of the core missions of the Center Alumni Council is to support the housestaff and residents. Thank you for your support of this year's appeal. Your support is essential to the continued

sponsorship of programs for housestaff. As we approach year-end, please consider making a Center Alumni Council gift. Gifts at all levels make a difference and are needed and appreciated.

SHARE YOUR NEWS!

We plan to introduce an Alumni News & Notes section to this newsletter. We want to hear from you. Send us your news on recent achievements, retirements or any items that you would like to share with your colleagues. Please submit them to the contact information listed below.

IN MEMORIAM

Seymour Gruber, M.D., Child Psychiatry (NYU Arts 1941, NYU College of Medicine 1944), d. July 13, 2009 in Coconut Creek, Florida, at the age of 89. Dr. Gruber was on the faculty and staff at North Shore Hospital and served on the voluntary track as Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medical College from 1971 to 1988. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ruth, two children and two grandchildren.

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