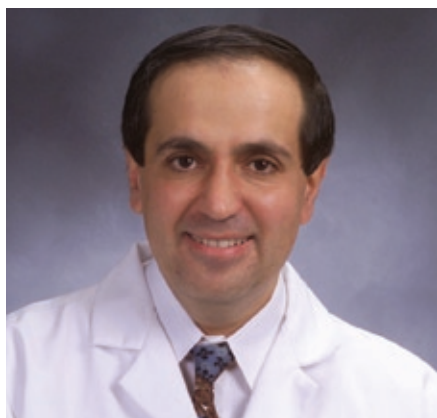


# NewYork Weill Cornell Medical Center Alumni Council

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Frank A. Chervenak, M.D.  
 New CAC President

So much has happened since we introduced the NewYork Weill Cornell Medical Center Alumni Council (CAC) newsletter in the Fall of 2008. At the Biennial Business meeting during the Dean’s Welcome Luncheon at the Alumni Reunion last October, we elected our officers and new board members.

I am honored to have been elected your new President and would like to take this opportunity to introduce the new members of the CAC Board. They are: Lloyd B. Gayle, M.D.; O. Wayne Isom, M.D.; Fabrizio Michelassi, M.D.; Jeffrey M. Perlman, M.B., Ch.B.; Patricia Prufeta, R.N.; James P. Smith, M.D.; Hazel H. Szeto, M.D., Ph.D.; and Theodore Tyberg, M.D.

I would also like to acknowledge the dedication of our four committees. These committees work hard to develop and plan programs for the Center Alumni Council. The committees and their leaders are:

- Awards Committee Vinod Malhotra, M.D.
- Fundraising Committee Mark W. Pasmantier, M.D.
- Membership Committee Thomas A. Caputo, M.D.
- Reunion Committee Farida Gadalla, M.D.

As your President, I hope to continue strengthening our existing programs and plan to increase awareness of the CAC by reaching out to each of our departments and the many healthcare professionals at NewYork Weill Cornell Medical Center. We always welcome new members. If you are not already a member of the CAC, I invite you to join. Your annual dues allow us to fund and support many programs and activities. For example, recently the Center Alumni Council

approved a grant to support the Housestaff Quality Council. This housestaff organization works toward the goals set forth by NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, which focus on improving patient care and quality initiatives by teaching their colleagues about patient safety practices. They have revolutionized communication and collaboration between the Hospital and housestaff, who are often directly in contact with patients. We are very proud of this group and look forward to supporting other projects which advance the objectives of the Medical Center and the Center Alumni Council.

In an effort to further our goal of increasing communication with our members, the newsletter will be published twice a year: once in the Spring and again in the Fall. We hope you will look forward to receiving the newsletter and we welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE NEW CHAIR OF THE REUNION COMMITTEE



Farida Gadalla, M.D.  
New Chair of CAC Reunion  
Committee

On Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25, 2008, Weill Cornell Medical College hosted the Biennial Alumni Reunion Weekend. A variety of activities filled this two-day event, including: the State of the Medical College Address, the Dean's Welcome Luncheon, the Honorary Fellowship Award Presentations, presentations by Alumni and

guests of the Medical College, Guided Tours, the State of the Hospital Address and the Dinner Gala at Chelsea Piers.

Among the presentations was the CAC-sponsored Tribute to G. Thomas Shires, M.D., during which participants honored the memory and accomplishments of the past Dean and Provost for Medical Affairs at the former Cornell University Medical College (1987-1991) and former Surgeon-in-Chief at what was then known as The New York Hospital (1975-1991).



Roger W. Yurt, M.D. and Fabrizio Michelassi, M.D. unveil the portrait of G. Thomas Shires, M.D.

Roger W. Yurt, M.D., Immediate Past President of the CAC, served as Master of Ceremonies. Frank H.T. Rhodes; Laura L. Forese, M.D.; E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.; O. Wayne Isom, M.D.; Annabel E. Barber, M.D., F.A.C.S.; Cosmo LaCosta; George Thomas Shires III, M.D.; and Fabrizio Michelassi, M.D. all spoke about the beloved Dr. Shires, who passed away on October 18, 2007.



Photos of guests enjoying Memorial Tribute to G. Thomas Shires, M.D.



## Fundraising COMMITTEE NEWS

The Medical Center Circle is growing! Our group of Center Alumni Council members who have made a significant philanthropic commitment of \$25,000 or more to New York Weill Cornell Medical Center has reached 28 members. Our 13 newest members were recognized during our annual Awards Dinner on November 13, 2008.

They are: Steven A. Albert, M.D.; Jack D. Barchas, M.D.; Douglas R. DeCorato, M.D.; Gavin L. Duke, M.D.; Stephen Greenberg, M.D.; Alison Bender Haimes, M.D.; Richard J.

Katz, M.D.; Eugene J. Nowak, M.D.; Larry Schafer; Morton Schneider, M.D.; Thomas Peter Sculco, M.D.; Alexander J. Swistel, M.D.; and Philip J. Wilner, M.D.

Philanthropy is essential to the continued success of our Medical Center. Gifts at all levels are welcome and needed. We hope that you will support the CAC and its goals to promote the clinical, educational, and research missions of our Medical Center.

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





2008 Distinguished Achievement Award. From left to right: Laura L. Forese, M.D.; Vinod Malhotra, M.D.; Farida Gadalla, M.D.; and Roy L. Silverstein, M.D.

On November 13, 2008, we hosted the Center Alumni Council Awards Dinner. We honored Roy L. Silverstein, M.D. with the Distinguished Achievement Award. Dr. Silverstein is the Chairman of the Department of Cell Biology and Vice Chairman of the Lerner Research Institute at the Cleveland Clinic. He is also director of the NIH-funded Cleveland Clinic Specialized Center of Clinically Oriented Research (SCCOR) in Thrombosis. Dr. Silverstein completed his clinical training in internal medicine, hematology and medical oncology at New York Hospital–Cornell Medical Center (now NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center) and spent nearly 20 years rising through the ranks to Professor of Medicine and Chair of the Division of Hematology-Oncology.

The Distinguished Housestaff Award was presented to a member of the housestaff from each department. This year 22 awards were presented. Our 13 new Medical Center Circle members were also recognized and presented with certificates during the dinner.



2008 Distinguished Housestaff Award Recipients



Medical Center Circle Donors: Douglas R. DeCorato, M.D.; Alexander J. Swistel, M.D.; Mark W. Pasmantier, M.D.; Alison Bender Haimes, M.D.; and Philip J. Wilner, M.D.

## OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD NOMINATIONS

This year, the Outstanding Service Award will be presented during the CAC Awards Dinner which is scheduled for November 4, 2009.

Since its establishment in 2005, this award has been presented every two years to an individual who:

- Is a current member of the faculty or staff at the Medical Center
- Has provided exemplary service to the NewYork Weill Cornell Medical Center
- Is a Center Alumni Council member

The CAC Awards & Nominations Committee would like to request your nominations for individuals to be considered for this honor. We ask that you submit the names of qualified candidates along with their contact information and a brief biography. You may submit the information via email, fax or via regular mail. Our contact information can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

We must receive your nominations by **Friday, May 22, 2009**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (212) 821-0948. We thank you for your assistance and participation in this process.

# MESSAGE FROM THE NEW CHAIR OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



Thomas A. Caputo, M.D.  
New Chair of CAC Membership Committee

On September 17, 2008 the Center Alumni Council hosted the inaugural Housestaff Welcome Reception. This cocktail reception gave the CAC Board, Department Chairs, and Residency Coordinators the opportunity to gather and connect with the new housestaff as they begin their careers at our Medical Center.

The Center Alumni Council recognizes the contribution that housestaff make in ensuring the excellence of the Medical Center. We look forward to making this an annual event so that we can increase communication and participation with our residents. This year the reception will be on September 17, 2009.



Adam S. Evans, M.D., M.B.A. and Peter M. Fleischut, M.D. of the Housestaff Quality Council speak briefly at the Housestaff Welcome Reception.



CAC Board Members: Vinod Malhotra, M.D.; Roger Yurt, M.D.; Farida Gadalla, M.D.; and Richard Granstein, M.D.



Housestaff enjoy cocktail reception.

## Join!

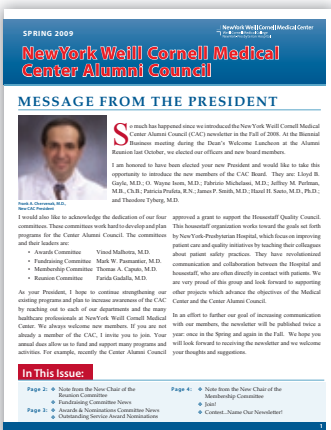
We welcome new members. To join, simply fill out the membership form enclosed and return it to the Center Alumni Council in the envelope provided. If you are a member, please spread the word and pass

this newsletter on to a friend or colleague who might be interested in joining the Center Alumni Council. If each of us works together to recruit just one more member, we can double our membership.

To contact us about any of the items in this newsletter or with any comments or questions:

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## Contest... NAME OUR NEWSLETTER!

Our newsletter still needs a name! We need your input. This is the last chance for you to submit your suggestions. Deadline for submissions is

Friday, May 29th. The winner will receive recognition in the next issue and dinner for two at our very own Griffis Faculty Club in New York City.