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UPWARDLY MOBILE

Construction workers move heavy exterior shell section for Bassett Inpatient Building's new fifth floor. Work on the massive project — instituted in part because of the addition of heart surgery — is expected to be completed by the end of 2003.

ALUMNI BOARD HAS BUSY AGENDA

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer Ken Wilkins in absence of President Maria Mendez on October 4, in Cooperstown

Prior to the meeting and in celebration of the 75th anniversary of Bassett Hospital, Doug DeLong and Jim Dalton gave an overview of medical education at Bassett and a vision of the future. Of special note, John Davis, who has embodied medical education at Bassett over the years, was honored. A yearly lectureship to foster alumni development was established in his name.

Highlights of the board meeting proper included a review of the state of the Medical Education Endowment Fund activities. In addition to ongoing support of the medical humanities project and the recently published "Let Me Listen To Your Heart," sabbaticals were funded for faculty in evidence-based medicine, acupuncture and geriatric curriculum development.

The residency directors for the surgery, medicine and transitional programs updated the board on recruiting and house staff activities. New this year was an update from Rich McIncrow regarding the new osteopathic program. House staff-Alumni connectivity was again discussed, with a strong desire on the board as well as fellow alumni to avail themselves to current house staff for mentoring, advice and general assistance.

The Bassett Heart Care Initiative was reviewed in detail by CEO Bill Streck, new cardiac surgeon Bob Lancey, and Joe Middleton, Vice President, System Support. This represents a major advancement at Bassett and one that will require significant support from all parties including the alumni. (See article on Page 2.)

The board lunched with house officers in the library, and then reconvened to discuss fund-raising issues. After reviewing all options, the board elected to accept an offer from Bassett's fund development department to utilize a professional

MEMORABLE FIRSTS



The recent Alumni Board Meeting highlighted a number of notable firsts. The first annual John Davis Lecture celebrating, most appropriately, John "Medical Education" Davis at Bassett was given a rousing launch by Drs. Dalton & DeLong. Reminds me of internship year when the then young team of Dalton & DeLong were passing on insights from the lofty heights of second-yearship. They were good then and remain so!

Another memorable first was start of a closer relationship between alumni and current residents. An informal lunch gathering kicked it off, with future activities to be added.

Maria Mendez, M.D. Recruitment for new house staff this year is going well. This kind of commitment by our current and former staff has to be a positive. The development of the Bassett Heart Care Initiative, including an open-heart surgery program, is also enhancing our recruitment efforts since it adds that one, very significant element which was missing in the Bassett experience.

My congratulations to David Svahn and Alan Kozak for the success of their book. Finally I would encourage you to continue your support of our old alma mater as it positions itself for this new millennium. There are many worthy projects in the works for the Med Ed Fund, including a surgical research lab and resident scholars from the faculty, along with the option of supporting the cardiac surgery Initiative and the introduction of interventional cardiac procedures.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year.

Maria Mendez, M.D.
President, Board of Directors
of the Medical Alumni Association

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Medical Alumni Board members at Oct. 4 meeting include: Back row, from left, Peter Gray, Deb Sentochnik, Ted Ruckert, Doug DeLong, Karen McShane, Jack Chamberlain, Joe Hughes, Jim Hastings, Don Pollock. Front row, from left: John Davis, Ken Wilkins, Wendy Bonnett Bergman and daughter.

THE BASSETT HEART CARE CAMPAIGN

Building for the Heart, Giving from the Heart ...and Gaining Momentum

Although the public launch of the \$12 million Bassett Heart Care Campaign is scheduled for early 2003, the campaign's Silent Phase is making great progress.

Much of the forward movement is due to your support and the support of other members of the extended Bassett Family who recognize the importance of the Bassett Heart Care Initiative and vertically integrated cardiac services and programs to Bassett's future.

Members of the Bassett Healthcare Board of Trustees and the Friends of Bassett Board of Directors have formalized their gift arrangements, and solicitations are in progress with all of Bassett's internal constituencies, including the medical staff, management team and employees.

Leadership gift solicitations also are moving forward. Prospects are being urged to make heartfelt gifts, contributions or multi-year pledges, and to benefit from the tax advantages of planned giving options. Several bequests already have been designated for the Campaign.

Medical alumni and medical staff are being encouraged by the Friends of Bassett, the Campaign's organizer, to give to either the cardiac project or Medical Education Endowment or both.

Bassett physicians are heeding this call, not only supporting the capital project but also by pledging more than \$65,000 to other funds, most notably the Medical Education Endowment. Personal contacts will be made with medical alum-

ni in the coming months to increase support for the fund drive.

If you haven't already, please make your contribution or pledge in support of the Bassett Heart Care Campaign. Your gift will help make a difference in improving the long-term cardiac health care across central New York. ■



Drs. Jim Dalton, left, and Doug DeLong, right, flank Jean and John Davis after announcing creation of an annual Medical Education lecture named in honor of Dr. Davis.

THE BASSETT FAMILY ALBUM — ALUMNI NEWS

1950s Donald Grinols, M.D. (*Rotating Intern, 1957-58*) tells us that “Marge and I have been retired for two years now — she from development positions in the non-profits community here in Rochester (NY) and me from psychiatric practice. We seem to gravitate to the west coast where three of our children live, Margaret and Susan in San Francisco, Mark in Seattle. And Elinor, our youngest, is here in Rochester. There are two grandsons in Seattle. Otherwise, Marge seems to be working just as hard on her volunteer activities as she was when she was working and I am getting time to read, play the piano, precepting in the Introduction to Medicine course for first year students at the medical school, and volunteer teaching tutoring third graders in one of the inner city public schools.”

Russell (Russ) Lane, M.D. (*Rotating Intern, 1955-56, Surgery Resident 1956-57*) sends back a Bassett Press Release announcing the creation of the Bassett Archive and Medical Collection, which he received from Ilse Heinrich Seitz, Ob Head Nurse in the 1950s. He points out that any discussion of Dr. E. Donnell Thomas's work at Bassett should also recognize the participation of the late Bassett radiologist, Otto Sahler, M.D. He also notes that he (Lane) was the early marrow donor and offers to give another marrow specimen to the new Archive! He comments that “Blake and I had a nice evening with Chuck and Joan Hopper in Newport, R.I., in June, where Chuck had recently gone through multiple cardiac bypass surgery. (Charles Hopper, M.D., rotating Intern 1956-7)

1960s Griffin (Grif) Bates, M.D., (*Rotating Intern 1961-62*), sends word from Ellicott City, MD, that he has retired from the practice of Psychiatry and is now “painting full time. Have a web site with some of my images on it (www.grifbates.com)”

Peter Koch-Weser, M.D. (*Surgery Resident, 1965-7, Attending Radiologist, 1973-76*) reports from Andover, MA, where he is on the staff of the Lowell General Hospital, “We are well. Our youngest daughter, Jennifer, is married, living in California and the mother of our two wonderful granddaughters ages 2 and 4. Susan, our older daughter will be getting married in June, and we have hopes for grandchildren there as well.

“Karen paints and does volunteer activities, mostly at the Andover Historical Society. Soon though we hope to move back to Gloucester, where we have kept a home, full time. At that time I hope to cut back on my working hours and stop taking night and weekend duty.

“If it is any consolation, the difficulty in recruiting radiologists is fairly universal. We have been ‘victims’ of our own success. As imaging has become a more and more primary aspect of patient care, the need for 24/7 radiologist coverage, and simply more coverage of all the various modalities, has outstripped the output of new radiologists from training programs. We have lost quite a few radiologists from our area who have taken advantage of the situation to seek greener pastures. As a result I have been working harder than any time since internship. Thank goodness I still enjoy what I do! (Only I'd like to do a bit less of it.)”

1970s Phil Dzwonczyk, M.D. (*Medicine resident, 1979-82, Psychiatry Resident, 1982-83*) sends word that “Andrea and I are enjoying our life in Norwich (NY). Philip Joseph (our son) and I traveled through northwestern Russia this summer and visited St. Petersburg, Great Novgorod, Pskov and Moscow. We both enjoyed the trip greatly. Larisa (our daughter) lives in Boston and will begin law school at Harvard this fall. Philip Joseph will soon begin his sophomore year as a finance major at the University of Scranton. Professionally, I continue as medical director of the Veterans Home in Oxford. Recently, I received an academic promotion to Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at the Upstate Medical University where I am on the faculty of the Geriatric Medicine Clerkship. As you can see, we are all well.”

Daniel Kinderlehrer, M.D. (*Flexible Intern, 1975-76, Resident in Medicine, 1976-79 [Chief Resident, 1978-79]*) writes that he is “living in Santa Fe, practicing part-time and writing a book on Lyme disease, of which I have been an unfortunate victim. I am much better now, but it was rough going for a while. I have never before encountered an illness in which there is so much misunderstanding, politicization, suppression and general misinformation. It has been quite a learning experience.”

Carole (Nunamaker) Tinklepaugh, M.D. (*Medicine Resident 1975-76, Attending Physician in the General Services Department, 1976-81*) comments that “Having lived at the headwaters of the Susquehanna, I now live at its mouth, at the top of Chesapeake Bay. Happily, I still come to Cooperstown several times a year. John and I have an empty nest and would welcome visits from old friends anytime, providing they don't mind a house under construction. Some things never change.” Dr. Nunamaker and her husband John live in Wilmington, DE where she is the Director of the ChristianaCare Health System.

Charles Van Duyne, M.D. (*Ob/Gyn Resident, 1978-81 [Chief Resident, 1981]*) relates that “I'm alive and well in Dallas Texas, in a busy private practice for 15 years. My wife is now an attorney having returned to law school at SMU over 10 years ago. I have two grandchildren now, age 3 and 8 months and am trying to cope with being over 50 and being a grandpa. We think of Cooperstown often and still keep in touch with some of the folks, like the Peats and Dzwonczyks. Glad to hear Bassett is still doing well, in view of all that's gone on in medicine since I left.”

Ross Zumwalt, M.D. (*Rotating Intern, 1971-72, Assistant resident in Pathology 1972-73*) relates that “I have spent the last 16 years in New Mexico as a forensic pathologist. Since 1991, I have been the Chief Medical Examiner for the state. The office is administratively associated with the medical school and we are proud of our academically oriented fellowship training program for forensic pathology. We have one of the largest training programs in the country and I think one of the best. In recent years, I have been heav-

ily involved in certification and accreditation in pathology. I have been a trustee of the American Board of Pathology since 1992. The American Board of Pathology was the first Board to give their certifying exam by computer and we are now digitalizing our microscopic slides so that candidates will no longer have to bring a microscope to the exam. We were the last Board to move to time limited certificates. That change, which unfortunately occurred during my year as president, was not particularly well received by the residents. I have been on the Residency Review Committee for Pathology the last 4 years. It has been a real challenge bringing the core competencies to the accreditation process as you probably know. Keep up the good work at Bassett.”

1980s Jeffrey McCollum, M.D. (*Transitional Resident, 1984-84*) writes: “I took the position of Medical Director of the Community Health Center of Central Wyoming (CHCCW), in Casper, in August 2002. Most recently I had been the developer and director of an Obstetrical Fellowship for Family Physicians at the University of Missouri/Kansas City. CHCCW is the clinical site for the University of Wyoming Family Practice Residency Program, an 8-8-8 program dedicated to training FP's for rural and frontier practices.

“We hope to expand the training in operative OB for family physicians which is my particular area of expertise. (Funny, since while I was at Bassett, OB was the one area I was sure I'd never practice. I remember doing one delivery as an Intern only because the chief resident made me.)

“My wife Vicki and I have been married for 16 years. We have three children, Scott, age 12, in 7th grade, Lindsey, age 11, in 5th grade, and Timothy, age 7, in 2nd grade. We look forward to exploring all of the many outdoor activities abundant in Wyoming, particularly downhill and XC skiing available on the south end of our town. We've all enjoyed seeing Pronghorn Antelope and Prairie Dogs everyday as we drive back and forth to school!

“Continued best wishes and good luck on all of the developments at Bassett. I continue to be proud to list such a fine hospital and training program among the contributors to my own professional development.”

1990s Theodor Kaufman, M.D. (*Surgery Resident, 1993-99 [Chief, 1998-99]*) provides this update from Punxsatawney, PA: “We recently relocated to Susan's hometown. Gabby, 8, is in third grade. JT, 6, is in first. Susan is our office manager. We often talk about all of the great times in Cooperstown and the great training opportunity that can be found in a country hospital.”

Wally Mahood, M.D. (*Medicine Resident, 1995-99*) sends word that he has “completed my adult psychiatry training at Fletcher Allen Health Care/University of Vermont in Burlington, VT this past June. I'm currently doing a Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship at

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IN MEMORIAM: BASSETT REMEMBERS

James J. Lipsky, M.D.

James J. Lipsky, M.D. (Intern and Assistant Resident in Medicine, 1972-74) died July 21, 2002, in Rochester, Minn., of a malignant brain tumor.

Dr. Lipsky was born July 14, 1946, in Keene, New Hampshire and graduated from Dartmouth College and the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore (M.D., 1972). After Bassett, he returned to Hopkins for a fellowship in clinical pharmacology. He married Naomi Geller in 1979.

He rose to Associate Professor of Medicine and Pharmacology at Johns Hopkins. In 1990, Dr. Lipsky became Director of the Clinical Pharmacology Unit and Professor of Medicine and Pharmacology at the Mayo Clinic. At Mayo, he practiced as a consultant in General Internal Medicine, developed the Clinical Pharmacology Fellowship Program and headed a research laboratory.

Dr. Lipsky received the Mayo Medical School Teacher of the Year Award twice, (1994 and 2001), the Mayo Graduate School Teacher of the Year Award (1995), the Mayo Medical School Faculty Service Award (1998), the Mayo Medical School Internal Medicine Education

Award (2001) and the Dean's Recognition Award (2001).

He chaired several national committees and served on several editorial boards. He also served on the Board of the B'nai Israel Synagogue and took leadership positions in matters of Rochester community education.

He was an accomplished amateur astronomer, a dedicated baseball fan and cornet player. Over the years, Bassett remained a special place for him, and he and his family made periodic visits to Cooperstown.

Jim Lipsky will be remembered as a compassionate and beloved physician, an esteemed and ethical colleague, an inspiring and entertaining teacher, and a devoted husband and father. He is survived by his wife Naomi and daughter Hannah, and his parents Rubin and Florence Lipsky and brother Aaron, all of Keene, NH, and his sister Dorothy Saks of Alexandria, VA.



On hearing of the passing of any Bassett Medical Alumnus, please let us know (with a copy of any available obituary), so that we may include a notice in the next issue of The Cupola.

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solicitation organization. The board, through Doug DeLong, will be able to review solicitation templates, and alumni will have the option of giving to the Heart Care Initiative or the Medical Education Endowment Fund ... or both.

Approval was given to begin planning for an alumni reunion for the fall of 2003. Keep the weekend of September 12-14 open!

Current officers were reelected and the meeting was successfully adjourned until next year. ■

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Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital. I'll be completing the program in June 2004. I'm living in Providence, RI. It's a little more crowded here than in Cooperstown. After finishing up I'll probably return to upstate NY to practice."

Sean Caples, D.O. (*Medicine Resident, 1997-99*) writes that "I saw Mike Bauer and Marek Martynowicz at a chest conference in San Diego and Peter Jederlinic at a meeting in Atlanta this year...fun to catch up with them. Also met up with Bernard Miller, Siwaporn Chainuvati, and Jeff Bleakley, who came to Rochester for Mayo Board Review courses this summer. I hope never to lose my Bassett connections...I have great memories of life in Cooperstown.

"Big news here is that I will be staying on staff at the Mayo Clinic. It's a tremendous opportunity...next two years will train as a Mayo Foundation Scholar in clinical sleep research, specifically sleep-heart interactions and inflammatory pathways. Then as a consultant, will be practicing pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine as well as dedicated sleep research.

"My wife, Jean, is busy at home as we now have four children, having recently adopted for the third time. Plus, we are building a new house here in Rochester. I think all that's a mouthful...been very busy. I hope to visit Cooperstown Summer '03. In the meantime, keep that Cupola coming!" ■

JOIN THE CUPOLA SOCIETY

Bassett Healthcare's Medical Alumni are invited to join The Cupola Society, the Friends of Bassett's distinguished group of individuals and families who have included Bassett Healthcare in their wills or estate plans.

Through financial planning, estate planning and tax planning, members of The Cupola Society are able to make gifts that have a lasting impact on Bassett while maximizing their tax benefits. Popular giving options include: Bequests, Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Life Insurance, IRAs or other retirement vehicles.

If you already have made arrangements for Bassett in your will, please notify us so that we may recognize your generosity and include you in The Cupola Society mailings. For additional information, contact: Amanda C. May, Executive Director, Friends of Bassett, One Atwell Road, Cooperstown, NY 13326. Phone: 607.547.3928, or email: amanda.may@bassett.org

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