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Dear Colleagues,

As you can see from the contents of this issue of *Chironian*, your Alumni Association has been very active over the past nine months, and more is to come before the end of this academic year. The College and the Alumni Association have been present at several specialty meetings around the country and we have held Alumni/ae chapter meetings in places as diverse as San Francisco and Long Island. For economy of both time and money, we have been scheduling chapter meetings in conjunction with the specialty meetings; and will continue to do so whenever possible.

After sponsoring a very successful CME course in February, for which sincere thanks go to Special Events Chairman Joe Dursi '59, we are reestablishing the custom of offering a CME course during Reunion/Commencement weekend. The course will be given by the 25-year Reunion Class of 1969 at the Valhalla campus on Saturday, May 21, from 10 o'clock to noon. It will be followed by the annual meeting of the Alumni Association and the reunion luncheon for all the five-year milestone classes. All those attending the luncheon and all others who may be interested, are invited to participate in the course.

As you may have noted from the calendar of events on the back cover there are other changes in the Reunion/Commencement weekend: Because Commencement is being held two weeks earlier than previously, the annual Alumni Banquet, at which we host the graduating class, will be held on Sunday evening, May 22, at The Plaza, the traditional site of the event.

Throughout this year I have met with many alumni and alumnae and have heard from many others. I have enjoyed your company, welcomed your suggestions, and passed your comments on to our Alumni Board, which is working constantly in association with the Administration in efforts to improve the College. In my newly added role as a full member of the College's Board of Trustees, I will continue to keep the College aware of the feelings and needs of its most valuable asset, its graduates.

Sincerely yours,

Michael A. Antonelle '62
In late twentieth century America, the one medical subject that appears to dominate the public media, from supermarket tabloids to erudite commentary on public television, is ethical inquiry. The profession of medicine has found itself in the center of a spotlight not of its own making, but rather generated and indeed focused by individuals of diverse training and background, most of whom have no formal education in the art and science of medical care. The reasons why this is so are far too many to begin to address here, but a look back at some of the history of medicine as a distinctly ethical enterprise may serve to provide some perspective on the current environment as well as a partial explanation of some of the response to it.

It is a characteristic of ancient cultures, whether or not they adhere to a religious doctrine the average westerner would recognize as ethical, that there is a code of behavior which governs the interface of physician with patient. These codes are remarkable for their similarity, whether they originate in Asia or the Mediterranean basin, and generally consist of a series of practical obligations owed by physicians to their rulers and teachers. The western medical tradition from which we are all descended has at its core the oath and covenant of Hippocrates, which has served as the primary basis for western medical ethics for the better part of 2500 years.

The Hippocratic corpus remained the unchallenged and largely unscrutinized centerpiece of medical ethics until the middle of this century. The oath itself is focused almost exclusively upon the physician as the prime mover in the physician-patient relationship. Its stipulations emanate from the ethical precepts of beneficence and confidentiality as well as an appeal to virtuous living. Its proscriptions against certain behaviors (e.g. administration of toxic drugs, abortion, and the performance of procedures properly the function of someone else) similarly reflect a virtue-based ethical construct that again places the entire management of the physician-patient relationship in the hands of the doctor.

The Hippocratic texts were expanded upon by medieval physicians in Europe with institutional rules of conduct being generated by medical schools as early as the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. The thorny question of truth telling was explored by such eighteenth-century enlightenment physicians as Benjamin Rush, John Gregory, and Thomas Percival. The nineteenth century saw the generation of the first Code of Ethics of the American Medical Association in 1847, based largely on the prior work of Percival. In none of the ruminations of any of these luminaries was the Hippocratic formulation seriously challenged.

What changed everything were two seemingly unrelated events: the discovery of penicillin and the accession to power of Adolph Hitler.

Penicillin is a benchmark in the history of ethics
because, more than any other single discovery, it signaled the emergence of therapeutic medicine as a powerful discipline. The work of previous investigators such as Pasteur and Jenner had had a remarkable impact upon disease prevention, but the dawn of the antibiotic era signaled a sea change in the ability of medicine to treat already established disease. This single discovery transformed the role of the physician from that of a diagnostian and observer of pathophysiology to that of an active interventionist. With penicillin, the doctor could finally do something. With penicillin, the profession had a powerful remedy people desperately needed and desperately wanted. The end of the Second World War ushered in the most dramatic increase in medical capability ever seen on the planet, compared to which the entire prior history of medicine appears so primitive as to be unrecognizable by the average modern practitioner.

Along with the explosion of medical knowledge and technology has come a necessarily increasing requirement for subspecialization, so that both physicians and hospitals now commonly serve as part of a wider health care network, rather than being independent contact points between the profession and the patient. The physician-patient relationship, which served as the primary focus for the Hippocratic tradition, has changed dramatically over the past half-century. This change has certainly been driven by circumstantial necessity but does not always appear to be positive.

Even with the current emphasis on primary care, it is clear that the comfortable community-based general practitioner who knew everybody in town, went to the same place of worship as they did, delivered all the babies, presided over all the deaths and, most important, shared the same values as everyone else, is at best a thing of the past. In the modern health care system, the sicker one is, the more likely it is that he or she will end up under the care of someone he or she has never met and about whose value system he or she knows absolutely nothing. Laurence McCullough refers to patients and physicians in this setting as “moral strangers” who partake of a relationship in which each often assumes the presence of a shared value system—an assumption that serves each party quite well until a therapeutic decision requires open consideration of ethical concerns, at which point the relationship is in imminent danger of disintegration.

The concept of a very powerful medical practitioner who does not necessarily share the moral heritage of his or her patient dawned slowly on the American public during the two decades following the war. The philosophical ramifications of this divergence began to be explored academically by theologically trained professors such as Joseph Fletcher, Paul Ramsey, and Richard McCormick, although very little of this discussion reached the ears of most practicing physicians. Coincident with this realization was a series of events—which occurred at the very center of academic medicine—whose primary genesis dates from circumstances set in motion by the creation of the Third Reich in Germany, an occurrence contemporaneous with Fleming’s discovery.

The trials of the Nazi doctors at Nuremberg following the Second World War revealed a series of experimental atrocities so gross and so blatant as to result in the execution or imprisonment of sixteen men and the promulgation of a formal ten-point code governing the conduct of medical research. The Nuremberg Code serves as the first comprehensive written expression of the moral basis for human experimentation ever generated and is a direct response to the extraordinary abuses of the war. It specifies what it refers to as “certain basic principles” required of ethical research, among them voluntary consent of research subjects, social utility of the study, prior animal experimentation, minimization of risk to subjects, and appropriate credentialing of investigators.1

The Nuremberg “principles” were further enhanced and refined by the World Medical Association in the Helsinki accord of 1964.2 The Declaration of Helsinki expands the number of “basic principles” to twelve. In doing so, the Declaration is more explicit as to the specific required components of an informed consent, raises the issue of confidentiality in biomedical research, and demands accuracy in the publication of research. It goes on to draw a distinction between clinical research performed using patients and nontherapeutic research performed using healthy volunteers, stating that somewhat different ethical guidelines apply to each.

It was in this context that Henry H. Beecher, a professor of anesthesia at the Harvard Medical School, rocked the American research establishment with a special article published in the New England Journal of Medicine in 1966.3 In it he cited twenty-two published studies in which he had uncovered unethical research practices simply by reading the methods of each protocol. The article was accompanied by an editorial by Franz Ingelfinger in which both the Nuremberg Code and the Declaration of Helsinki were invoked as having been at least in part overlooked by the investigators involved.

In response to Beecher’s observations, as well as other reports of abuse, the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research was established. The Commission’s specific aims were to pursue a detailed investigation of the

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ethical principles underpinning research using human subjects and to promulgate guidelines whereby this research could be conducted and monitored in accord with these principles.

To this end, the Commission solicited papers from a number of secular philosophers centering on issues previously raised in Nuremberg and Helsinki. Specifically, the Commission wished to identify the relevant ethical principles, discuss the interface between clinical practice and research, establish criteria for appropriate risk/benefit analyses, and explore the nature of informed consent.

Among the papers dealing with principles were a discussion of distributive justice by Tom L. Beauchamp, and a discussion of ethical principles by H. Tristram Engelhardt, both at the time on the faculty at Georgetown University. Engelhardt’s paper described three moral principles which he identified as present in the Nuremberg Code, the Declaration of Helsinki, the DHEW Rules and Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, and the Ethical Principles in the Conduct of Research with Human Participants of the American Psychological Association. These principles were (1) Respect for Persons as Free Moral Agents, (2) Beneficence (“concern to support the best interests of human subjects,” as Engelhardt put it), and (3) an assurance that human experimentation will “on sum redound to the benefit of society.”

The findings of the Commission were published in 1978 as The Belmont Report in which the primary principles of Respect for Persons, Beneficence, and Justice (a broader mandate than Englehardt’s more specifically focused third principle) were enunciated. William Frankena had previously identified four components of beneficence, the first of which was that one should not actively inflict harm (what has been termed a principle of nonmaleficence). Nonmaleficence had been previously treated as an obligation distinct from beneficence by W. D. Ross in the early part of this century and was similarly regarded as a separate principle by Tom Beauchamp and James F. Childress in the first edition of their Principles of Biomedical Ethics, published in 1979.

In Principles, Beauchamp and Childress apply the four secular principles of Respect for Autonomy (derived from Respect for Persons), Nonmaleficence, Beneficence, and Distributive Justice to the practice of medicine in general, rather than simply to questions of clinical research. The identification of these secular principles, whose validity might be generally agreed upon, had the apparent advantage of providing common ground for discussion among those who could be construed as moral strangers in a pluralistic society.

The principles are broad enough to potentially encompass already existing sectarian principles of ethics such as the Principle of Double Effect or the distinction between ordinary and extraordinary means as promulgated in Roman Catholic moral theology. They also have the advantage of sharing common ground with both of the competing ethical theories of the nineteenth century: the deontological work of Immanuel Kant and John Stuart Mill’s Principle of Utility.

Coincident with the deliberations of the Belmont Commission was the case of Karen Ann Quinlan in New Jersey, adjudicated in 1976. The case focused national attention on all facets of the then current ethical discussion. It revealed conflicts of values between the institution providing care and the patient’s parents. It demonstrated the power of modern medicine in its most rudimentary form when a survivor of a motor vehicle accident, who thirty years before would have probably died, was maintained in a vegetative state with a ventilator and enteral nutrition. And it demonstrated the conflict which might emanate from two competing ethical principles: respect for autonomy as manifested by the substituted judgment of the patient’s parents was placed in direct contradistinction to the hospital’s vision of itself as a beneficent institution where discontinuation of life support systems was considered contrary to its mission.

Among other things, the case illustrated the difficulty of using such broad ethical principles as action guides in real clinical settings. When the obligations to one principle appear to conflict with obligations to another, the resolution may require an appeal to a different means of analyzing the case. In 1988, in the book The Abuse of Casuistry, Albert Jonsen resurrected this medieval art as a means of approaching ethical problems in clinical medicine.

Casuistry, or case-based reasoning, has substantial appeal to the clinician since its methods are similar to those of the diagnostic physician. Casuistic analysis identifies a “paradigm case” about which there is general agreement regarding the correct moral decision. The case at hand is then compared to the paradigm case. Cases judged to be similar to the paradigm will be handled in a similar fashion. Cases that are not similar must appeal to a different paradigm. The problem, of course, with this approach is that there is likely to be substantial disagreement regarding both the selection of paradigm cases and the judgment as to what is or is not similar to them.

Other alternative systems of ethical analysis include a narrative approach described by David Burrell and Stanley Hauerwas in 1976 and further applied clinically in the later...
work of Howard Brody and Ron Carson, among others. Edward Pellegrino has advocated a return to the study of ancient Greek virtue-based ethical systems as a means of providing guidance to clinicians and patients lost in a sea of technology and competing value systems.  

The ethical questions to which all of these approaches were being applied focused largely on the ascendancy of patient autonomy as a cardinal concern, in contradistinction to the ancient beneficence-based ethic of the Hippocratic tradition. This phenomenon not only parallels the rise in technological capability of modern medicine, but also corresponds to an unequaled era of affluence in the western world. The world economic crises of the current decade have begun to move the focus of debate away from concerns about fulfilling the autonomous requests of patients toward heretofore unasked questions of what the profession can provide under conditions of scarcity. The turn of the century is likely to find the just distribution of limited resources as the reigning issue, leaving the clash between autonomy and beneficence a distant memory of a gentler age.

The events of the last fifty years have been driven by a combination of scientific progress, the estrangement of the general population from the medical profession, scandal, litigation, politics, religion, and philosophical speculation. Through this extraordinary and accelerated process, the primary forum for discussion of ethical issues in medicine has moved outside the health care professions, finding a home as well among philosophers, theologians, lawyers, judges, clergy, social workers, and the public at large.

I have tried to paint a picture in very broad strokes of some of the historical reasons for this shift as well as to illustrate why the discussion centers only on the role of medicine rather than that of any of the other professions. In the next issue of this journal I will define more precisely how ethical decisions are now made in this country on the verge of the twenty-first century as well as explore the complexity of the current landscape.

Many physicians have become uncomfortable with the way in which ethical decision-making appears to have been wrested from their grasp during the past few decades. This discomfort is understandable; however, the process is, in fact, as it should be. The exponentially expanding interest in the ethics of medicine reflects the enormous power which the profession possesses for the first time in its long history. In a curiously contrary way, the interest of the public in having more of a say in the decision-making process is recognition of the enormous value of and respect due modern medicine. It is characteristic of human nature that no one wants a piece of something that doesn’t work. Medicine does work, and works very well. An open discussion of how and why it works, as well as what may not work so well, signifies this achievement and can only serve to help us over the rough spots of an ever-more-rapidly changing horizon. It should be welcomed by us all.

References

The island of St. Maarten in the Caribbean—sun-drenched by day, starlit by night—was an ideal setting for the Alumni Association’s Eleventh Annual Winter Seminar, held January 30 to February 5, 1994.

Participants spent mornings at the Mullet Bay Resort Conference Center, pictured on the cover, in compelling sessions on topics of critical concern to the medical profession. The event was planned by Joseph Dursi ’59, special events chair and course director, who, with Michael Antonelle ’62, President of the Association, welcomed the group and moderated the session.

The lead-off speaker was Rev. Harry C. Barrett, D. Min., President and CEO of the Medical University, whose good-humored, sociability, combined with an insightful and provocative presentation, set the tone for the week-long program.

Speaking of the constantly changing picture of health care reform and the economic and political issues surrounding it today, Fr. Barrett emphasized the centrality of the patient-doctor relationship. “Although the word crisis is used, and we will be talking at length about reform this week, if you listen very carefully you will hear the concern of patients for a consistent relationship with their physicians.”

“Even when your role becomes controversial, as it has in other countries in discussion of euthanasia, the patient’s concern is that some fundamental change can occur in the relationship of trust between themselves and their physicians. I hear this expressed every day.”

Fr. Barrett went on to talk of new developments at NYMC, including the large increase in student applications, changes in curriculum, expansion of student housing and its positive effect on student life. He also discussed the updating of facilities to accommodate new teaching methods and to take advantage of computerization and informatics outreach. (See article on page 10).
proposals, including those of the AMA, the AARP, and the Clinton administration, she urged her colleagues to become involved in the fray. Dr. Cea is a radiologist and clinical assistant professor at New York Medical College and serves as a delegate to the AMA from New York State.

“As physicians, we must start taking a leadership role,” Dr. Cea said. “We must also, as physicians, tighten our belts, stop responding to whimsical requests from every patient, stop ordering every test, and return to the way we were trained. We are covering our “tush” because of medical liability. We have to take medical liability off our back, and step on it. We have to stop using it as an excuse and get the government to put it under control. But we can control ourselves. We have to have very strong leaders, very strong opinions, and an organized approach.”

Armand Leone, Jr., who is both a physician, (NYMC ’82), and an attorney, (Columbia University School of Law ’92), now practices law. He spoke at two sessions, first on the legal economic impact of the comprehensive health care plan, and later on alternate dispute resolution in the health care field.

“With the price of health care a primary factor in the reform of health care delivery, economic considerations will shape the legislation that emerges rather than legislation shaping economics,” Dr. Leone said. Discussing the two major systems, fee for service medicine and capitation, he outlined the factors for success in each, the new types of economic analyses, and issues underlying all health care delivery today, and the new liability issues that are a consequence of the economic changes taking place.

In his second presentation Dr. Leone followed up on the issues of liability, with a discussion of some tort reform proposals. Discussing health care enterprise liability, he said, “It keeps surfacing as a key element in health care reform and involves looking to the health care provider organization (HMO), rather than the physician, for liability for malpractice claims.”

He pointed out that since the individual physician no longer completely controls treatment decisions, and instead shares the decision-making process, liability should be shared with the provider organization. “Physicians need to become aware of alternate dispute resolution, which is part of the Clinton health care reform plan, and consider taking advantage of it, as other industries do,” Dr. Leone said.

Saying that Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) is particularly suited for resolving health care dispute in a managed care setting, he added, “the Clinton proposal for non-binding arbitration fails in its goal of relieving malpractice. Without binding arbitration the losing side gets two bites of the apple, and the benefits of reduced resolution time and cost are lost.”

New developments in breast cancer diagnosis were discussed by Rita Girolama ’51, NYMC professor of radiology and Ann Cea, M.D. An overview, using videotape, of BPH and prostatic cancer was presented by Philip Cea ’70, a practicing urologist on the staff of NYMC affiliated hospital Our Lady of Mercy, who is a member of the Alumni Association’s Board of Governors.

In their free time the seminar participants enjoyed the hospitality of their Alumni Association hosts and the superb opportunities for golf, tennis, swimming, shopping, dining, dancing and other pleasures of their sojourn in the Netherlands Antilles.
One of the most exciting and important building programs in our College’s 135-year history is now under way. Plans are in place for a 30,000-square-foot Learning Center complex with two wings, one of which will be a 9,000-square-foot Conference Center. The complex will be situated on the College’s Westchester campus, but its reach will be almost limitless.

The Center will link those who teach, those who are learning, those in clinical practice, those who do research, those on the campus and those in our affiliated teaching hospitals throughout the region. It will also enable us to interact electronically with other teaching, research, and health care centers nationwide.

The Learning Center will cost $9.1 million; the Conference Center will cost $2.1 million, and, in recognition of our pledge to fund this integral component of the complex, will be named the Alumni Conference Center.

The new construction, complete with state-of-the-art electronic capabilities, will provide the Medical College with both the physical and the intellectual space to make maximal use of today’s breakthrough communications technology and to take advantage of the rapidly expanding information superhighway.

As you view the sketches on these pages, we hope you will share the enthusiasm we felt as we studied the blueprints and stood at the site of the new complex.

Your generous participation in the campaign for our Alumni Conference Center will be the most important gift you can give to our medical school, which gave each of us our essential medical education and the M.D. degree whose privileges we continue to enjoy throughout our professional lives.

The Alumni Association
Board of Governors
The Learning Center, to be created in a three-phased building program, will occupy the former dormitory space of Vosburgh Pavilion and will be integrally linked to two wings, one to be the Alumni Conference Center, pictured here.

The Center will have a dual purpose: it will provide a place for academic meetings fundamental to the mission of the Medical College, including scholarly assemblies, CME courses, multidisciplinary conferences, workshops, and seminars. And, via electronic linkage to the entire Learning Center complex it will bring the presentations made at the Center to students, faculty, residents, and professional staff throughout our campus and beyond. Our affiliated hospitals, which reach geographically in a great triangle from Staten Island east to Bridgeport, CT, and north to Kingston, NY, will be able to view any presentations they wish simultaneously with their viewing at the Center.

The handsome, spacious Center will feature a 6,500 square-foot-room seating 400 and will be equipped with retractable partitions, allowing for subdivision into three rooms. Movable seating will offer maximum flexibility. Two smaller spaces, together accommodating 50, will lend themselves to such varied uses as workshop breakout sessions, news conferences, and meetings of faculty and student groups.

Further, the Alumni Conference Center will respond to an increasingly felt urgent need for space to hold other diverse campus gatherings year-round. Equipped with kitchen and catering capability, it will be available to host fundraising events, alumni/ae and student functions, and a range of events appropriate to our community that now must be scheduled less frequently than desirable or held off-campus.

As word of the new building program spreads there is a palpable sense of excitement and a feeling that with the help of its own graduates New York Medical College will be in the forefront of progress in medical education as we move toward the 21st century.
At events held Coast to Coast from Staten Island and Long Island, NY, to San Francisco, CA, and including Central New Jersey, Chicago, San Antonio, and New Orleans, NYMC graduates and physicians who took specialty training in our College’s residency programs enjoyed opportunities during 1993 and early ’94 to share both recollections and present day experiences with colleagues.

Some gatherings took the form of Alumni Association chapter meetings; others were receptions hosted by the Association and NYMC in conjunction with specialty society meetings. An overview of these events follows.

STATEN ISLAND

Welcome To A New Chapter


A new link in the network of alumni/ae chapters across the country was forged on Friday, January 21, 1994, when the Staten Island Chapter held a charter dinner meeting at The Staten. During one of the worst periods of winter weather in a decade, the hardy souls who braved the low temperature and wind chill readings came together with great warmth and enthusiasm for the venture they were starting.

The lively conversation during the cocktail hour covered a wide range of topics. Rev. Harry C. Barrett, President and CEO of the College, related interesting anecdotes gleaned from the written and oral history of the medical school, told in the genial, witty manner to which those around him have become accustomed. In turn, members told of their professional involvements, which are impressive, and their varied avocations, which include goat farming. And Lina Merlino ’56 received hearty congratulatons on her election as the first women president of the Richmond County Medical Society in its 187-year history.

Dinner was followed by a slide presentation depicting developments at the College and projects underway. Slides showed new student housing, both the recently opened apartments on the Valhalla campus and the Manhattan apartment building purchased by the College, now occupied by students. Plans for the projected Learning Center, the Conference Center, and other facilities designed to accommodate important new programs and to provide enhanced learning opportunities were described. Alumni Association President Michael Antonelle ’62, Father Barrett, and Richard Biondi, NYMC vice president for institutional advancement, offered informative comments and answered questions. Dr. Herbert Berger, a long-time faculty member and Michael Sher of the Class of ’94 addressed the group on the importance and value of the education offered by the College.

Joseph Fulco, chapter organizer and chair, and his wife, Donnamarie Fulco, received warm thanks for spearheading the new chapter and arranging the inaugural meeting. As goodbyes were being said at the end of the highly successful evening, the charter members offered optimistic views of the group’s future. They predict strong growth for the chapter as word spreads to more NYMC graduates who live or work on Staten Island.
**CENTRAL NEW JERSEY**

**Gracious Hosts, Congenial Guests**

Members of the Central New Jersey Chapter gathered at the gracious home of Ronald Shugar ’69 and his wife, Ellen, on Friday evening. Over cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, they talked of the medical college, viewed a video, and heard news of the College and the Alumni Association from the Alumni Association President, Michael Antonelle. The ambiance was one of warmth, conviviality, and fun despite a downpour that prevented a larger turnout. There was unanimous agreement that those who were deterred by the weather missed very special hospitality, for which the guests thanked Ellen and Ron most enthusiastically.

**SAN ANTONIO**

**San Antonio Hosts Urologists**

The 1993 annual meeting of the American Urological Association took place in San Antonio, TX. NYMC held a reception for Alumni of the medical school and its urological residency program at the Marriott Riverwalk on Tuesday evening, May 18.

Camille Mallouh, M.D., Chairman of the College’s Department of Urology, co-hosted the party with Richard Biondi, NYMC vice president for institutional advancement. Dr. Mallouh told *Chironian*, “It is good to come together with colleagues from different parts of the country and to connect with those you may not have seen in some time. The specialty meetings are always worthwhile and hosting these two groups—alumni of the College and those who took their residency with us—was a very pleasant experience. Having a chance to share thoughts of today and recollections of times at the College in a pleasant, relaxed atmosphere was most enjoyable.”

Steven Rous ’58, who is professor of surgery/urology at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Dartmouth Medical School, also expressed warm feeling about the reception, and said: “I am delighted to realize how very well our medical school’s Department of Urology is doing under the fine leadership of Dr. Mallouh.”

Wendy Schulman, Melvin Schulman ’65.

Ron Shugar ’69, Michael Antonelle ’62, Ellen Shugar, Susan Pizzi ’69, Richard Biondi, Julie Kubaska, Kathy Antonelle, Frank Pizzi ’69.

Ron and Ellen Shugar, hosts of the meeting, receive a token of appreciation from Mike Antonelle.
NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans Lures Orthopaedists

On Friday evening, February 25, 1994, orthopaedists who are alumni of either the Medical College or its residency training gathered at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside for a cocktail reception sponsored by NYMC and its Department of Orthopaedic Surgery during the annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery. More than 100 guests attended, including 33 alumni, 35 former residents, 10 NYMC faculty members, and other friends.

This event marked the third time NYMC sponsored a party involving the orthopaedists gathered for their specialty meeting. The first reception took place during the 1992 meeting of the Academy, held in Washington, D.C. The second was held a year ago, when the Academy met in San Francisco. Attendance at this year’s event in New Orleans was the largest so far, and the largest of the receptions for alumni and residency-alumni the College has been sponsoring.

Radiologists Convene in the Windy City

Rita Girolamo ’51, Jerome Russoff, and his wife, Everett Ellen, M.D., Francis Lewis, M.D., Louise Broadley, Richard Biondi.

Rita Girolamo ’51, NYMC professor of radiology, who is a past president of the Alumni Association, reported to Chironian on the very pleasant gathering of NYMC alumni and alumnae of the College’s radiology residency program held in Chicago on Thursday, November 30, 1993, during the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America.

"After attending the marathon sessions held at Chicago’s giant convention center, it was refreshing to join with colleagues at the cocktail reception hosted by our medical college at the Chicago Marriott. It was arranged by Richard Biondi, vice president for institutional advancement, and the ambiance was one of warm hospitality," Dr. Girolamo said, adding, "As we talked we recalled that the first reception during an annual meeting was held in 1976. We agreed that this is an excellent way to renew friendships formed through the years, compare notes, and catch up on news of colleagues."
The Long Island chapter, known for great parties, cruised the sound under a lovely night sky on Friday, September 10. The evening was chaired by Frank Esemplare '58; the chartered yacht was luxurious, the cocktails and dinner were of gourmet quality, and the program that followed was a mixture of Letterman, Leno, and Saturday Night Live. Emcee William Tesauro '62, devised entertainment that had the 80 members of the group convulsed with laughter. The cause of the merriment was a slide show narrated by Dr. Tesauro composed of baby pictures of chapter members. After providing clues to the identity of each child, he challenged the audience to identify the adult alumnus.

The evening was pronounced a wonderful way to shed the cares and concerns of life as adults in today’s real world.
NYMC Travels Across the Continent

San Francisco, known worldwide as one of the most attractive cities in which to hold a meeting, did not disappoint the two NYMC groups who were there last fall: the Northern California Chapter of the Alumni Association and the NYMC Surgical Society, who met there in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons.

The first gathering of the NYMC groups was a cocktail reception and dinner at the World Trade Club on Friday, October 8, 1993. After time for greetings and renewal of acquaintance over drinks and dinner the guests enjoyed a 10-minute film in which Rev. Harry C. Barrett, President and CEO of the Medical College was interviewed by Alumni President Michael Antonelle ’62, and answered questions that had come from alumni and alumnae. Included were such queries as “what is the meaning of ‘a medical university in the Catholic tradition’?” and “is the medical college now settled in Westchester or are there plans to move again?”

Discussion on a wide range of topics followed the showing of the film, giving the Californians a solid, close-up report on the state of the medical school which, though far removed geographically, remains close as alumni and alumnae go about their work in the medical profession.

Surgeons Welcomed

On Tuesday evening, October 12, the College and the NYMC Surgical Society hosted a reception and buffet at the Fairmont Hotel. Three groups came together: surgeons who took their M.D. degrees at NYMC, those who took their surgical residencies in the College’s residency, and those who had taken both at this medical school. Their hosts, Dr. Louis Del Guercio, professor and chairman of the NYMC Department of Surgery, Dr. Antonelle, and Richard Biondi, NYMC vice president for institutional advancement, greeted them, spoke briefly about the medical school, and enjoined them to have a great time, which everyone proceeded to do. All the guests expressed pleasure at being reunited with colleagues, some of whom they had not seen in a long time, but with whom they had shared common experiences, which were still very warmly remembered.
Class Notes

The symbol **REUNION** signifies a five-year "milestone" class for which a reunion luncheon will be held Saturday, May 21, at the Alumni Center on the campus in Valhalla.

1930
HENRY WOLLENWEBER, who is retired, sends regards to classmates, especially **Ezra Wolff**.

1931
BELLA SINGER has retired. She lives in Walnut Creek, CA.

1932
IRVING PINE, who has been professor emeritus of psychiatry at Ohio State University School of Medicine, has retired. He lives in Columbus, OH.

1933
GEORGE STIVALA wrote: "For our 60th anniversary, we had a wonderful reunion at which the following were present: Dr. and Mrs. Caesar Volpe, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Eidenhoff, Nathan Goldberg, Jack Fishman and his grandson, and Charlotte Yudell." (See Photo in Fall 1993 Chironian)

1934
GEORGE NAGAMATSU is founding president of the Society for Urology and Engineering, Inc., a 501(c)3 IRS charitable organization for education and research. He continues as research professor of urology at NYMC.

1938
PETER MICELI has retired. He has been an attending surgeon at Mary Immaculate Hospital in Jamaica, NY, as well as Winthrop University and Mercy hospitals since the 1940s.

1939
V. CHARLES ANCONA has retired from the practice of internal medicine.

WILLIAM HEWES, who lives in Saline, MI, writes that he is fortunate to be in good health and is psychiatric consultant to the local drug and alcohol recovery center. He adds that his consulting keeps him busy "when golf doesn’t interfere."

MATTHEW MICKIEWICZ wrote in late 1993: “Helen and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary this year. We revisited our nuptial church in Queens, enjoyed numerous family gatherings, took the QE 2 to England, and returned on the Concorde.” (Congratulations! Sounds ideal.)

1942
JACOB OBERMAN has retired. He was an attending physician at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City, where he and his wife continue to live.

1943
LOUIS IANDOLI wrote: “I attended my class’ 50th anniversary activities and was happy to see so many of my classmates. We really did some reminiscing.”

ADELINE WEIERICH MARTIN wrote that she enjoyed the 50th anniversary reunion last May.

1944
MARCELLE BERNARD is coordinator of the golden anniversary reunion of the class, and says she is fortunate to have the able assistance of a great committee of five, whom she named in alphabetical order: **Benjamin Harley, Paul Laybourne, Edward Sattenspiel, Charles Shlimbaum**, and **Bernard Wattiker**. Marcelle and her husband, Edmund Marinucci, moved from Norwalk, CT, to Savannah, GA, several years ago and are enjoying their new environment very much. Marcelle wants classmates to know she looks forward to seeing lots of friends during reunion weekend.

1946
FORRIS CHICK writes that he is "enjoying retirement in sunny Sarasota, Florida."

GLADYS RASKIN has retired from family practice. She lives in Lake Worth, FL.

1947
BERNARD WETCHLER was elected president-elect of the American Society of Anesthesiologists during the Society’s annual meeting in Washington, D.C. He will take office as president of the 33,000-member organization in October of this year.

1948
Edward Friedman has retired from practice. He lives in Bedford Hills, NY.

1950
MARVIN LINDER, who lives in Saratoga, CA, has retired.

DAVID PLOTKIN lives in Highland Beach, FL, and practices part time. He sends greetings to all his classmates.

JOSEPH WHELAN writes that he has retired from the practice of general surgery and resigned as director of general surgery at St. Francis Hospital in Roslyn, NY. He now works three days a week in the “Express Care” unit of the emergency department of Mercy Hospital in Rockville Centre, NY, where, he says, “we treat the ‘walking wounded’”. He adds, “I see **Marilyn Chasin ’51 and Joe Macey ’56** at Mercy. Am still living in Manhasset, and have one granddaughter, Tracie.”

1953
MITCHELL PINCUS retired from practice of ob/gyn; he lives in Edina, MN.

1954
HERVE BYRON notes that 1994 will be the 40th anniversary
1955

**Martin Norton**, who was professor of anesthesiology at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, MI, has retired. He continues to live in Ann Arbor.

**Paul Van Horn**, who was one of the first orthopaedic surgeons to practice in Princeton, NJ, when he started in 1962, was the subject of an article in the Princeton newspaper at the time of his recent retirement from practice. The article pointed out some of the considerable medical volunteer work in foreign countries that Paul and his wife, Margaret, a psychiatrist, have done, such as their trip to Brazil for service organization, Esperanca. (Paul’s account of their experience in Brazil was the subject of an “Alumni Notebook” in the Fall 1992 *Chironian*.)

When we spoke to Paul in February, he and Margaret were expecting their first grandchild. They have four children: twins, Val, the mother-to-be, and Barbara; Allison, who has just graduated from Harvard Law School; and Paul, known as “Van” now in his last year at Columbia Law School.

1956

**Martin Floch** was awarded “Master” status by the American College of Gastroenterology at its 1993 meeting in New York.

**Lina Merlino**, who is a pediatrician in Port Richmond, Staten Island, is the first woman to be elected president of the Richmond County Medical Society in its 187-year history. She joined Staten Island colleagues at the inaugural meeting of the Alumni Association’s Staten Island chapter in January. (See Collegial Connections Continue, page 13).

**James Mooney** says he is virtually retired but consults occasionally on occupational medicine. He sends greeting to all.

**Toni Novick** has started a service called MD Consultant, which conducts “information retrieval for patients, medical professionals, and others who want the most current information and research.” Reports are tailored to the needs of patients and professionals. She continues to practice office gynecology but finds information retrieval fascinating and intellectually stimulating. She says: “I can even provide data for one of my sons who is an equine veterinarian in the San Jose region of California.”

**George Hare** is now director of geriatrics at Cooper Hospital in Camden, NJ.

**Ronald Pion** has hosted six video programs for patients with chronic conditions – arthritis, diabetes, hypertension, migraine, asthma, and angina. His weekly radio program in Los Angeles focuses on home care.

1957

**Charles Aswad** was reelected speaker of the Congress of Delegates of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), which represents 75,000 family physicians, family practice residents, and medical students.

**Robert Littlejohn** writes of 34 busy years in family practice, and says he is active in nursing homes and public health, as well. He has also been high school team doctor throughout those years, and is involved with civic groups and the Presbyterian Church. His wife, Judy, is a busy R.N. and they are also involved with their ten grandchildren.

1959

**Charles Bechert II** was honored last year by the American Academy of Ophthalmology. He was also chosen by South Florida doctors as one of the best physicians in that region. The results of the survey were published in *South Florida Magazine*. In August 1993 he traveled to Durbin, RSA, to address the South African Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery.

**Eugene Doherty** reports that he has sold his practice of internal medicine, has retired, and works in a clinic two days a week. He adds that everyone in the family is well and five of his children are married. “Our ‘baby’ graduates from Holy Cross in May,” he concludes.

1960

**Ronald Hartman** reports with pleasure that Temple Israel of Long Beach (CA) is awarding him a very special honor in the form of a “gala weekend.” Among the activities for which he is being recognized are his professional work as chief of staff of Lakewood (CA) Regional Medical Center, clinical professor of ophthalmology at UC Irvine, and chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at Beach Memorial Hospital Medical Center. Further, he is being honored for his volunteer work as president of the Temple for four years, his presidency of the Long Beach Museum of Art Foundation, and his chairmanship of the Alumni Association’s southern California Chapter.

**James Rubin**, who is chief of allergy at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York, has been elected president of the Center’s medical board.

1961

**Howard Harrison** reports that he had a delightful time on Martha’s Vineyard during President Clinton’s visit there, saying they didn’t get in each other’s way.

**Neil Kurtzman** has been reelected president of the National Kidney Foundation, the nation’s largest voluntary health agency dedicated to the prevention and treatment of kidney and urinary diseases. The Alumni Association honored him for his outstanding academic achievements at the annual banquet in May 1993. (See Fall 1993 *Chironian*.)

**Earl DiPirro** has been appointed chief of the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Englewood Hospital and Medical Center in Englewood, NJ.

**Myron Teitelbaum** and his wife celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary. Their daughter Pamela graduated from Bard College last year as a fine arts major and their son Neil is a senior at Tampa University, majoring in communications.

1962

**Henry Abrams** completed a six-year term as a governor of the American College of Surgeons. His first grandchild, Alexandra Martin, was born in December, 1993.

**Angelo Cammarata** was honored at the Author Recognition Celebration tendered by the NYMC Medical Science Library last year. He was recognized for his contribution to *Treatment of Pre-Cancerous Lesions & Early Breast Cancer*, by Ariel & Cahan.
1963

HOWARD COOPERMAN and his wife, Trudy, now have five grandchildren. He writes that two of his daughters, who were pictured in the Class Fleur-O-Scope, have now had second children, a third daughter has had her first child, and their youngest daughter is a pre-med junior at Brandeis.

JAMES McALEER is president of the Ohio Urological Society, a socio-economic and educational organization. He writes that he left the Hospice program in good health after having been its medical director and board president for 12 years. He adds that he and his wife, Sandee, made a humanitarian and spiritual trip to Medjugorje in Bosnia-Hercegovina last summer.

1964

STEWART ALTMAN reports that he is “alive and well in New Orleans.”

MARVIN GINSBURG is medical director of the Western Medical Group in Palmdale, CA, and director of quality assurance and utilization review for several area hospitals. He and his wife, Marty, have six children and now have their first grandchild. Marvin and Marty have been breeding Arabian horses for the past 22 years. He tells us that the Black Stallion used as the logo on Tri Star Productions is one of his horses.

BEVERLY RICHMAN wrote that he husband, Lawrence Prutkin, M.D., passed away in January. He was associate professor of cell biology at NYU School of Medicine, where he spent his entire professional career. He was visiting professor of anatomy for the NYMC Class of 1978 during the 1975 spring semester. Beverly is associate chief of medical services of the methadone maintenance treatment program at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York. She recently coauthored an article published in Drug and Alcohol Dependence, 1993, in which the safety of long term methadone treatment was demonstrated. She has two sons, Brad and Jordan Prutkin. Brad is a junior at University of Pennsylvania and Jordan is a freshman at Yale.

LEWIS ROHT has been appointed therapeutic area director for central nervous system and infectious diseases at Marion Merrell Dow, Inc. in Kansas City, MO.

1965

RICHARD ALLEN accepted the post of ob/gyn program director at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Denver as of July 1993, relocating from Portland, OR. In October, he was elected vice-chairman of R.R.C. for ob/gyn.

HOWARD CANTELL writes that he became a grandfather for the first time in November, 1993, and suggests the possibility that Brooke Elizabeth Cantwell might be a candidate for the Class of 2015!

LEONARD KRICH writes from Scottsdale, AZ, that his son Mark is in the NYMC Class of ’97, and upon graduation will become the family’s third generation NYMC alumnus.

MORTON MELTZER has just completed a term as chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh, NC.

1966

J. MICHAEL PURCELL has been reappointed chief of dermatology at St. Peter’s Hospital in Albany, NY. He is currently involved in formation of an Alumni Association chapter for the Albany/Schenectady region.

1967

MARIE CASALINO has been appointed deputy director of the Bureau of Maternity Services and Family Planning of the New York City Department of Health, effective February 1, 1994. She has an MPH from Columbia and has been at the Health Department since 1992.

STEVEN KANTOR practices hematology and internal medicine and has been joined in his practice by his son-in-law, Lance Austein, M.D. He is now a grandfather, having entered that state through the birth of Gabrielle Shelby Austein. He reports also that his daughter Robin married Alan Belsky in February of this year.

KATHLEEN PERRY practices ob/gyn in Staten Island, NY, where she is on the attending staff of Staten Island University Hospital. Dr. Perry is one of the charter members of the Alumni Association’s Staten Island Chapter, which met for their inaugural meeting in January (See page 13).

1969

MARK GLASSER is chairman of the chiefs of ob/gyn and director of advanced laparoscopic training for Kaiser Permanent’s north California region. He has been kept busy teaching courses and doing preceptorships around the country. He writes that he and his wife, Gail, still find time to enjoy Marin County and the Bay Area and says that their daughter Devin is an honors graduate of UC Berkeley and will be going to graduate school for a Ph.D. Their daughter Alison is a sophomore at UC Davis, where she is taking the premed program and looks forward to going into sports medicine.

RICHARD HIRSH is chief of diagnostic radiology at Summa Health Systems in Akron, Oh. He will lead a teaching mission to Nepal this Spring, focusing on early detection of breast cancer, taking mammography equipment, which will then be donated to the people of Nepal.

FRANK PIZZI is chair of the 25-Year reunion of the class and looks forward to seeing many classmates for a very special celebration.

MILTON REITMAN has been named chairman of pediatrics and director of pediatrics and pediatric cardiology at the Heart Center of St. Francis Hospital in Roslyn, NY. He is also serving as president of the Nassau County Pediatric Society. He writes that he looks forward to the 25-year reunion of the class.

1970

CHARLES BARRETT writes: “Like many of you I’ll be turning 50 this year. I am still practicing in northern California. Our ob/gyn group has increased to five physicians. I’m actively involved with ACOG to help us regain, not lose, our status as primary care providers. My oldest child begins law school in September. My second oldest just graduated from college and is a journalist.”
THOMAS GRABOYS, who is associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, wrote that he and Caroline celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last year, and saw classmate KENNETH FRYER during their travels in California. He added that their daughter Penelope is working for the Brooklyn (NY) D.A. and daughter Sarah is at Gettyburg College. (Tom was the subject of a NewsMaker article in Vol. 110, Spring 1993.)

1971
SANDRA RAFF writes: "I am challenged and happy in my new position as medical director of clinical pharmacology units for National Medical Research Corporation in Hartford, CT. I am responsible for early-phase high-risk studies of new drugs and biotechnology devices. Also, I am very happily married to Steven Leinwand, with blended family including our five kids, ages 10 to 16." The family lives in Middletown, CT.

KENNETH YUSKA, who is an orthopaedic surgeon, and his wife, Ginny, have moved from Marinette to Madison, WI. Their two sons, Gregor and Bryce, are undergraduates at the University of Wisconsin.

1972
JAMES ANGIULO, who has earned a J.D. degree, was elected vice president of the Pima County Medical Society in Tucson, AZ, for 1994.

THOMAS NOBLE wrote that he has moved from the suburban Boston area to Blacksburg, VA, "preferring a more rural, less hectic lifestyle, and joined a multispecialty group in a medium-sized hospital." When he wrote in November '93 he had been into the new career two months, and was delighted with the decision to move. "So are my wife and children," he concluded.

1974
STEVEN SAMUELS reports that he has been elected a fellow of the American College of Physicians. He practices internal medicine and infectious diseases and is on the staff of Good Samaritan Hospital in West Islip, New York. He and his wife, Janice, who will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary, have two children. Jason is a junior at SUNY, Albany, NY, and Jaime will enter the University of Vermont in the Fall.

STEVEN WEINSTOCK practices gastroenterology in the Los Angeles South Bay area. He is married, with three children, Amiel, 19, a student at the University of Pennsylvania; Sarah, 17, a student at Yeshiva High School of L.A.; and Georgette, 14, who is at Halhevet High School.

1975
ELLEN FRANKEL is in private practice of pediatric and adult dermatology with a new partner, Mark Amster, M.D. She also has a new home at 145 Blackstone Blvd., Providence, RI.

BARBARA ROTH wrote: "Much to my surprise and delight I find myself practicing general medicine in a rural setting at the edge of Appalachia. My life is a pleasant balance between work and play with my physician/husband, our dog, and his five children and eight grandchildren.

EDWARD SWIBINSKI practices endocrinology in Cherry Hill, NJ, and has been elected vice president of the Philadelphia Endocrine Society.

1976
JEFFREY BEHRENS reports that he has been elected to fellowship in the American College of Physicians.

NEIL CHOPLIN was appointed chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego in August 1993 and has been promoted to associate professor of surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

LAWRENCE KRAMER writes that he is director of ob/gyn for Manhattan Medical Group, which he describes as New York's largest HMO. He and his wife, Lynn, and their son, Willy, live in New York, and he enjoys "world traveling, bicycle riding, fine restaurants, and practicing the bassoon."

JONATHAN TRAMBERT was promoted to associate professor of diagnostic radiology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

1978
JESSE COHEN has opened a second imaging center in the Ironbound section of Newark, NJ, and is kept busy "running around with our children, Ben, 5, and Sara, 3.

ALLAN PLUMSER practices gastroenterology in Central New Jersey and has recently been named chief of the division of gastroenterology at St. Peter's Medical Center in New Brunswick, NJ.

WILLIAM ZAROWITZ is teaching in the NYMC primary care program for the fifth year. He has taught both introduction to primary care and physical diagnosis. He continues to practice internal medicine at Kaiser Permanente in White Plains.

1979
NICHOLAS BONVICINO is associate director of the Garden State Medical Group in Paramus, NJ. He and his wife, Nancy, have two daughters, Andrea, going on 6, and Claudia Michele, born in the fall of 1993.

THOMAS FACELLE reports that he has an active surgical practice in Rockland County and is chief of the section of general surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, NY.

MARK SNNREICH is clinical associate professor of orthopaedic surgery at the University of Miami School of Medicine.

1980
LISA BORG married Dan Broe in July 1993. She is chief of addictive services at the East Orange (NJ) Veteran Affairs Medical Center and an assistant clinical professor of psychiatry at New Jersey Medical School. Since 1991 she has been a guest investigator in the Laboratory of the Biology of Addictive Diseases at Rockefeller University in New York. Her husband owns an environmental and real estate advisory concern. He is a Boston University graduate and has a Ph. D. in geography from Columbia University.

REGINA GUFFRIDA is in private practice of ob/gyn in Mt. Kisco and Yorktown Heights, NY. She is married to Jack McMenemon, and they have three children, Kaitlin, 9, Joe, 8, and Patrick, 14 months.

CARL STAMM and his wife, Kathy, are enjoying life in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Carl was recently appointed an active staff member at Margaret R. Pardee Memorial Hospital in Henderson, NC.
1982

**Harriet Dickenson** continues her work in the medical sciences department of the Transit Authority.

**Alfred Mckee** writes that in addition to his job as staff oncologist at Bayside Medical Center in Springfield, MA, he directs a cancer rehab program at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Western New England.

**Vincent Panella** and his wife, Donalynn, have welcomed their first child, Michael Edward, now one year old. Vincent has become a partner in a GI practice in Englewood, NJ.

**Daniel Sullivan** is in group practice as an internist with Williamstown Medical Associates in Williamstown, MA.

1983

**Amy Batterman Ditchek** writes that she and Alan are kept busy with their two children, Lisa Beth, born in May 1993, (shortly after the class reunion, which they attended) and Rebecca Bonnie, who is 2.

**Deborah Fried** has two children, Benjamin, 3+ and Rebecca, going on 2, both of whom, being very bright and lively, keep their “hapless parents” busy trying to accommodate. Deborah, whose specialty is psychiatry, is teaching and supervising at Yale and is in private practice in New Haven.

**Joan Liman** was named associate dean for student affairs at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-New Jersey Medical School, in Newark, effective January 1, 1994. Joan also attended the class reunion last spring, and returns to the campus each year for the Senior Honors Program to present the Joan P. Liman Award, which she established, “to give back some of what the medical school has given me.” The award goes to a graduating medical student for whom medicine was a second career choice and who “achieved a distinguished academic record while serving the College community and student body with dedication and enthusiasm.”

1984

**Kevin Delahanty** has been appointed chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Groton CT. He married Kim Boynton in June 1992.

1985

**Thomas Abbamont** writes that he is engaged to be married, with a June wedding planned. He is with Pediatric Associates in Camillus, NY, and lives in Syracuse.

**Peter Bentivegna** sent an update on his activities, whereabouts, and family. In 1991, after completing a plastic surgery residency, he took a fellowship in hand/micro surgery at the University of Utah with Graham Lister. In September 1992 he started private practice of plastic, reconstructive, and hand surgery at his present address, 105 Park Street, Hyannis, Cape Cod, MA, 02601. He and Laurie have two children, Matthew Ryan, born in April 1991 and Devon Connelly, born in January 1993. He concludes: “Laurie and I love it here on Cape Cod – and I can finally afford my dues.”

**Marc Berezin** practices orthopaedics and sports medicine in Orangetown (Rockland County) NY.

**Claire Carlo** and her husband, Giles Taylor, happily announce the birth of their first child, Sean Giles Taylor, in September 1993. They live in Glendale, CA. Claire is a physician with CIGNA Healthplans, an HMO. Giles is a manager with CEMA Distribution.

**Janet Lin** is also delighted to announce the birth of her daughter, Jennifer Lynn Torre in September 1993.

**Joan Lisak** writes that she is happy practicing invasive cardiology.

**Thomas Pacicco** is a gastroenterologist at Fort Bragg, NC. **Elaine (Grammer) Pacicco** is a civilian pediatrician at Fort Bragg. Elaine and Tom have three children, Thomas, 6, Michael, 4, and Elise, 2.

**Orrin Palmer** reports that he has been happily married for eight years. He and his wife, Jill, have “Lovely son, Devon Matthew,” who is 3 and were awaiting the birth of a girl at the end of February.

**Lee Phillips** has completed his three year naval obligation as a staff radiologist at the Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. He reports that he is happy to have returned to NYMC for a fellowship cross sectional imaging (CT/US/MRI) at Westchester County Medical Center.

1986

**Scott Glasser** sends several news items: He married last year; he is now near partner in Diagnostic Radiology Associates of Ellicott City, MD; and, classmates **Lou Macintyre, Joel Meshulam,** and **Tom McGee** live nearby. He concludes, “I sure miss everybody.”

1987

**Kay Cowan** reports that she has become a grandmother, thanks to her son, Gregory Lance Cowan, M.D.

**William Greenberg,** who lives in New York City, is a founder and chief technology officer of a new medical information company, Physician’s Online, Inc., which, he says, provides physicians and health care professionals with access to state of the art information sources and communication services, nationally and internationally.

**Michelle (Grosz) Multz** writes: “We finally bought our dream house out on Long Island, specifically, Woodbury, and moved in at the end of September. I completed my fellowship training in body imaging and am an assistant attending professor at Queens Hospital, a Mount Sinai affiliate. Would love to hear from classmates.”

1988

**Elizabeth Supra Johnson** and **Joseph Johnson** have settled in Rochester, NY after completing their residencies there, Elizabeth’s in pediatrics, Joseph’s in general surgery. Elizabeth is enjoying part time group pediatric practice and caring for their two-year-old son, Brian. Joseph is an assistant professor of surgery at the University of Rochester.

1989

**Robert Antonelle** and his wife, Patty, welcomed a son, Patrick, in November 1993. He joins his sister, Lauren, now going on 3. Robert will complete a gastroenterology fellowship at Westchester County Medical Center in June.

**Diane Wagner** has earned an M.P.H. degree. She reports that...
from July 1994 through June 1995 she will be a fellow in the Blood Bank Directors training program at the New York Blood Center in New York City.

1990

**Roman Bilynsky** completed a pediatric residency at William Beaumont Army Medical Center and is now doing a fellowship in pediatric neurology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC.

**Gary Dunn** writes that he is doing his PGY-4 at LSU-Shreveport, has been doing research in tumor metastisis, and plans to go on to a colon-rectal surgery fellowship.

**Steven Josephson** completed a residency in internal medicine last July at the University of Florida at Gainesville. He is currently an instructor in the Department of Medicine of the university, where he will start a gastroenterology fellowship in July.

**Douglas Karmel** is completing his obligatory tour of active duty in the U.S. Navy and will begin a residency in internal medicine at the University of Tennessee, Memphis, in July.

**Brian Murphy** completed his residency in internal medicine at Tufts New England Medical Center, where he received two house staff teaching awards and was the house staff inductee into the Tufts University School of Medicine Chapter of AOA. He wrote also that he was serving as chief medical resident at the Boston V.A. Medical Center before starting a fellowship in general internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School.

**Alexandra Pinz** completed her pediatric residency at Columbia Presbyterian in New York in June, and has continued at Columbia in an anesthesiology residency.

1991

**Michael Nicolai** wrote that he married Kathy Peeney in October 1993. He is finishing his internal medicine residency at Montefiore Medical Center in July and will be working with the Denville Medical Associates in Denville, NJ starting in July.

1993

**Daniel Bernstein** was married in October 1993. Classmate **Joseph Bell** served as an honor attendant.

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**A Note On Class Notes**

If a Class Note you have sent to *Chironian* with your dues check does not appear in this issue it probably arrived after our printing deadline and will appear in the next issue. Please keep in mind, however, that some notes we receive are repetitive of ones printed earlier. Our editorial policy is to offer new information about alumni and alumnae.

Since handwriting is sometimes hard to read, please be sure to print, or write clearly, the names of the people you mention, so that we can include them properly in your note.

Also, when you send information about personal life-cycle events, such as weddings, births of children, special anniversaries, or the like, be sure to include an update on your professional life, e.g.

Jane Doe is assistant professor of medicine at Blank University and director of the residency program; she and her husband, Michael or Michael Brown, now have two children, Elizabeth, 6 and Jeremy, 2.

or

John or (Jane) Doe has joined a multispecialty practice group in Blanksville. He (she) and his (her) wife (husband), Marcy, (Mark) now have three children, Jane, Frank, and Jennifer, 7, 5, and 2.

Thank you for your communications. We enjoy receiving them, and hope these suggestions will make the Class Notes even more interesting to all our readers.
In Memoriam

Two distinguished alumni, Joseph G. Giuffrida and Dante V. Bizzarri, who were classmates and lifelong friends, died recently within several months of each other.

Joseph G. Giuffrida '42, professor of anesthesiology at NYMC and chief of service in anesthesia at Metropolitan Hospital, died on June 20, 1993. He was 76.

Dr. Giuffrida joined the NYMC faculty after his internship at Metropolitan Hospital and service in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was actively associated with the College for close to 50 years. In 1967 Dr. Giuffrida established the Inhalation Therapy Department at Metropolitan, which he directed until 1990. He was appointed chief of anesthesiology at Metropolitan in 1972.

Dr. Giuffrida is survived by his wife, Mildred; four daughters, Joann Dong, Regina Giuffrida-McMenemon '80, Elaine Sevush, and Nina Dorsett; a son, Anthony; and ten grandchildren.

Dante V. Bizzarri '42, who had been professor and chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at NYMC from 1973 to 1985, died on February 1, 1994. He was 80.

Dr. Bizzarri was one of the early Board certified specialists in anesthesiology and has been credited with helping to make anesthesiology a major medical specialty. He completed both his internship and residency at NYMC-Metropolitan Hospital, and joined the staff at Metropolitan as instructor in 1949. The recipient of two major awards from New York Medical College, he was honored in 1986 with the College’s Distinguished Service Medal and the Alumni Association’s Medal of Honor.

Dr. Bizzarri is survived by his wife, Rosalie Bizzarri and his sister, Nancy Gilhooly, both of New Rochelle; three daughters, Alida Naederof of New Rochelle, Dr. Leonora Bizzarri of Lincoln, MA, and Marina Bizzarri-Schmid '80 of Southampton, NY, and ten grandchildren.

The relationship of Dr. Bizzarri and Dr. Giuffrida vastly benefitted students and residents, and their impact on patient care was notable. Together, they developed an esophageal tube to be used for the prevention of aspiration and an automatic blood pressure and heart monitor apparatus, both in 1956; a laryngoscope blade designed to reduce tissue trauma, in 1957; transparent marked endotracheal tubes, in 1958; and a continuous spinal needle, in 1963. They trained hundreds of residents, published dozens of papers and 55 exhibits.

Writing of the two colleagues, Dr. Elizabeth Frost, professor and chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at NYMC said: “The contributions of these two men were enormous. Their areas of interest, far reaching. They were the embodiment of the true anesthesiologist—meticulous, reliable, dedicated, and farseeing.”

To honor the memories of these two physicians, contributions may be sent to the Giuffrida-Bizzarri Fund, established by their families at New York Medical College.

Simon Dack '32, who founded the Journal of American Cardiology and served as its editor in chief for more than 30 years, died on Monday, February 7, 1994 at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. He was 85.

Dr. Dack was a founding fellow of the American College of Cardiology, which was established in 1949. He was president in 1956, when he was asked to develop a journal for the organization. From its inception in 1958, through its evolution to the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, until he retired in 1992, he was the “hands-on” editor in chief of the world renowned journal.

Simon Dack graduated first in his class at NYMC. He then took his internship, residency, and a research fellowship at Mount Sinai, followed by appointment as a senior assistant in the cardiac clinic. He remained there until 1941, when he entered the U.S. Army Medical Corps, as chief of a hospital cardiovascular section.

Returning to civilian life in 1945, he renewed his association with Mount Sinai and also served for a number of years as an attending at Flower and Fifth Avenue and Metropolitan hospitals. He held concurrent faculty posts at NYMC and Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons. In 1966, when Mount Sinai School of Medicine was established he joined that faculty, remaining throughout his life. Since 1966 he had held the rank of emeritus clinical professor of medicine.

The Alumni Association honored Dr. Dack’s distinguished contributions to cardiology at the annual banquet in 1967. At that time he recalled the days when he and his classmates took the 79th street ferry to “the old Met” on Welfare Island. He said: “We learned a great deal on those bedside rounds. The teaching has served me well through the years.”

Francis A. Gagliardi '39, a pioneer in the use of electroconvulsive therapy for treatment of depression, died on Tuesday, December 7, 1993. He was 78.

A graduate of Columbia University, Dr. Gagliardi served as a major in the Army Medical Corps during World War II. He was director of the department of psychiatry at Baptist Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY from 1978 to 1987.

He is survived by his wife, Vilma Gagliardi of Jamaica; four daughters, Sherril Senan, Suzanne Mobberley, and Dr. Lisa Gagliardi, all of Pittsburgh, and Alessandra of Jamaica; one son, Francis S. Gagliardi ’70 and seven grandchildren.

Dr. Gagliardi frequently sent class notes to Chironian that included greetings to classmates. In October he wrote that he was still in his office three times a week, and looked forward to the 55-year reunion of the class this spring. Colleagues will miss him.

Anna Samuelson '30
Benjamin Wiesel '36
Ken Yamasaki '43

Abraham R. Wenger '30
Samuel S. Cohen '37
Irving Mond '44

Harry Weinstock '30
Alan B. Bagnier '38
John O. Brien '45

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Simon Dack graduated first in his class at NYMC. He then took his internship, residency, and a research fellowship at Mount Sinai, followed by appointment as a senior assistant in the cardiac clinic. He remained there until 1941, when he entered the U.S. Army Medical Corps, as chief of a hospital cardiovascular section.

Returning to civilian life in 1945, he renewed his association with Mount Sinai and also served for a number of years as an attending at Flower and Fifth Avenue and Metropolitan hospitals. He held concurrent faculty posts at NYMC and Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons. In 1966, when Mount Sinai School of Medicine was established he joined that faculty, remaining throughout his life. Since 1966 he had held the rank of emeritus clinical professor of medicine.

The Alumni Association honored Dr. Dack’s distinguished contributions to cardiology at the annual banquet in 1967. At that time he recalled the days when he and his classmates took the 79th street ferry to “the old Met” on Welfare Island. He said: “We learned a great deal on those bedside rounds. The teaching has served me well through the years.”

Francis A. Gagliardi ’39, a pioneer in the use of electroconvulsive therapy for treatment of depression, died on Tuesday, December 7, 1993. He was 78.

A graduate of Columbia University, Dr. Gagliardi served as a major in the Army Medical Corps during World War II. He was director of the department of psychiatry at Baptist Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY from 1978 to 1987.

He is survived by his wife, Vilma Gagliardi of Jamaica; four daughters, Sherril Senan, Suzanne Mobberley, and Dr. Lisa Gagliardi, all of Pittsburgh, and Alessandra of Jamaica; one son, Francis S. Gagliardi ’70 and seven grandchildren.

Dr. Gagliardi frequently sent class notes to Chironian that included greetings to classmates. In October he wrote that he was still in his office three times a week, and looked forward to the 55-year reunion of the class this spring. Colleagues will miss him.
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