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MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF '45 CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY.
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Dear Colleagues,

As I write this message, I am recalling a fabulous evening at the Long Island Chapter’s clambake, which ended in the wee hours at the home of Co-Chairman Dave Beccia and his wife, Jessica.

As those attending the party renewed old friendships and made new ones, a topic that kept arising throughout the evening, whether people were standing at the bar or during dinner, was the issue of managed care. While managed care has been a reality around the country for some time, it is presently taking the Northeast Corridor by storm. Anticipating the increasing interest in this topic, Lou Fierro, Ruth Oliver, and the editorial board of Chironian, as well as Joe Dursi and his special events committee, have made managed care a “theme” for this year.

We start with the first of two installments on the subject on the next page, and managed care will be the topic of the CME course to be held during the winter seminar that takes place January 28 to February 3 at Palmas del Mar, Puerto Rico. A follow-up article containing pertinent material presented at that course will appear in the Spring issue of Chironian.

We invite your participation in the CME course either as an attendee or, if you have experience in this area, as a speaker. We also invite written comments to Chironian if you feel there is some particular point about the health care picture we should include in our next issue. As changes are occurring by the hour, we hope to keep our information as current as possible so that you will find these articles helpful and enjoyable.

We look forward to seeing you at meetings and Reunion Weekend.

Sincerely yours,

Michael A. Antonelle '62

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I wish to share with you news of two events that occurred as Chironian was going to press.

In mid-October the Medical College’s President and Chief Executive Officer, Rev. Harry C. Barrett, D. Min., M.P.H., was honored with elevation to the rank of monsignor, following the visit of Pope John Paul II to New York.

“This is an honor the Pope bestows upon priests for longterm contributions to the Church. It is not the result of a single act,” Father Barrett says, adding, “I am sure my role at the College played a significant part in my being appointed.”

The Alumni Association offers Father Barrett felicitations on this high honor.

Ralph A. O’Connell, M.D., professor of psychiatry at New York Medical College, has been appointed Provost of New York Medical College and Dean of the medical school.

Dr. O’Connell has been a member of the Medical College’s faculty since 1980 and has been associated with St. Vincent’s Hospital and Medical Center of New York, since his graduation from Cornell University Medical College and the start of his postgraduate training, both in 1963. He has been vice chairman and clinical director of St. Vincent’s Department of Psychiatry since 1974.

Our Spring issue will carry an interview with the new Dean, to whom we extend a hearty welcome.
The photo shown here of Betsy Sands, wife of Andrew Sands '85, and their children, Alec and Charlotte, was snapped during the 10th anniversary reunion of the Class of '85. While unposed and lighthearted, it calls our attention to a serious question: What will be the state of the medical profession when these youngsters, seen here straining for admission to the NYMC Alumni Center, ask in 20 years, if medicine is a career they wish to enter.

Louis E. Fierro '60, chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at Lenox Hill Hospital, Editor of Chironian, and Immediate Past President of the Alumni Association expresses these thoughts:

"My classmates and I graduated as physicians and surgeons. Now we are being called providers and vendors, and although the concept of managed care started slowly some 45 years ago, it has now swept across the country, driven by economics and politics. Along the way it has been creating a whole new look at our profession, the way we practice, our relationship to our patients, and so much more -- and it has brought an entirely new alphabet and vocabulary.

"Although we don’t have a crystal ball to view clearly just what the next 20 years will bring, each of us has thoughts about the future; as well as many thoughts about the present, and decisions to make every day. To help our alumni/ae share knowledge and experience, we decided to publish a section on managed care. In the first part, on these pages, we offer important information in articles written for this journal by two alumni very well informed on this topic and in a glossary prepared from various sources with the help of other alumni. We trust this material will be helpful to you right now.

"In the Spring issue we will publish the experiences of alumni and alumnae in various fields of our profession, and will look ahead to how the changing world of medicine may appear to the youngsters facing career decisions a generation from now. We feel sure that you will find this first part of interest. We would like to hear from you, and to include as many of your thoughts as possible in the next issue. Please address your correspondence to Editor, Chironian, New York Medical College Alumni Center, Valhalla, New York, 10595."

MANAGED CARE AND THE NEW REALITY

Charles N. Aswad '57

Remarkable things have happened in the world of medicine since I graduated. Life expectancy has been dramatically extended. Patients whose future looked bleak are now routinely saved. Procedures undreamed of in the '50s are routinely performed in hospitals and outpatient departments across the country. But far and away, the most dramatic change has been in the way medicine has been transformed from a healing science to a business venture -- a world where the corporate logo is supplanting the caduceus as the symbol of the power to heal.

Clearly the “corporatization” of medicine is a mixed blessing. One would be naive to believe that the advances in medicine could have been accomplished without the infusion of billions of dollars into medical research, the development of advanced pharmaceuticals and the advancement of medical technology.

But the cost of medical advances has a price tag that is measured not just in dollars, but in the cost of changing relationships between physicians and patients. And it is managed care that is at the center of that change. The 650,000 physicians in the United States generate $200 billion in revenue each year, and there are a growing number of corporations that find that number too tempting to ignore.

Insurance companies -- and their HMOs -- are the engine of this health care revolution. In 1985 there were 19 million Americans in HMOs. By the end of this year there will be 56
MANAGED CARE continued

million enrollees. Here in New York State the enrollment has quadrupled to 4.8 million enrollees in the past 10 years. By the end of this year, New York State alone will have experienced a 400% increase in managed care plans since 1984.

The power wielded by these insurance carriers is awesome. The eight largest insurance companies now own 45% of the country’s almost 600 HMOs and the 10 largest insurance companies serve 44% of the nation’s HMO enrollees. This is six times the size of what is owned by physicians. Statistics clearly indicate that the for-profit sector of the managed care business is growing a lot faster than the nonprofit sector.

While cost containment is always important, the move to a managed care delivery system is, at best, a mixed blessing for patients who now have a lot less to say about the medical services they receive. In 1988, 90% of Americans who received coverage through their workplace chose a traditional fee-for-service plan. By 1993, only 65% of Americans were even given this choice by their employers and, almost invariably, there were clear economic disincentives to choosing the fee-for-service option. In 1993, the number of employed people covered by traditional insurance dropped to less than half (48%) of all covered individuals.

As physicians we must come to grips with the new economic reality. The AMA reports that the proportion of physicians who signed a contract with a managed care organization increased from 61% in 1988 to 95% in 1993. The survey also shows that physicians derive an average of 35% of all revenues from managed care sources. And that number is growing by the minute.

How do we deal with this new reality? As a physician and medical society executive my answer is straightforward and unequivocal.

• Get involved in organized medicine at specialty, county, state, and national levels.
• Participate in medical society affairs and use these organizations as tools to form equity positions in medical delivery organizations.
• Use the medical societies to promote active legislative and regulatory agendas to protect the rights of patients as well as the rights of physicians.
• Actively participate in medical society political contact programs to be sure that Congressional representatives and state legislators are current and knowledgeable on what physicians think are problems with managed care programs.
• Use your medical society to challenge managed care firms that are wrong on specific utilization review or quality issues.

Easier said than done? Of course. It is always easier to leave critical issues to your colleagues. But the new reality demands new commitments and the changing face of medicine demands that the successful practitioner also be a committed participant in the organized effort to assure their own success.

Charles N. Aswad is Executive Vice President of the Medical Society of the State of New York. Dr. Aswad was awarded the Alumni Association’s 1992 Medal of Honor, with an accompanying citation that reads, “He has shown foresight, intellectual and personal integrity, and has done skilled and compassionate work on behalf of patients without number.” He was profiled in the Fall 1992 issue of this journal.

National and State Growth

Enrollment in HMOs grew from 18.9 million Americans in 1985 to a projected 56 million by the end of 1995.

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Although created in 1928, HMOs have blossomed only in the last decade, with employers signing on in droves to get less-expensive health care. In 1985 there were 18.9 million Americans in HMOs. By this year’s end there will be about 56 million. By the year 2000, one study predicts, the figure will surpass 70 million.

Source: The Group Health Association of America, Washington, D.C.

1994 & 1995 figures are estimated.
MANAGED CARE: AVOIDING THE PITFALLS
Armand Leone, Jr. ‘82

Managed care is here to stay. While physicians' opinions run the gamut from excitement at the new opportunity, to despair over the death of traditional health care, there are some pitfalls for all doctors to avoid and tips that can help them deal with managed care organizations.

The biggest mistake about managed care is assuming it can be avoided. In the past medical treatment has depended more on coverage than on relative medical necessity. Managed care places an emphasis on relative medical need in allocating what must necessarily be limited health care resources. The two primary managed care models are the discounted fee for service schedule used by preferred provider organizations (PPOs) and the health maintenance organization (HMO) model, which is based on capitation, a form of financial risk-sharing between physicians and health care payers. Because economics now require these more socially responsible systems for the delivery of health care, the worst thing a physician can do is to complain and do nothing.

The best way to avoid problems when contracting with a managed care organization is to have the assistance of a medical practice consultant and/or a health care lawyer experienced in managed care contracting. Physicians do not have the time to read all of the contractual provisions, let alone review the numerous documents and conditions that are incorporated by reference into the main contract. However, there are certain contractual provisions that should be analyzed by a physician. These include indemnification clauses; criteria for selection and deselection of member physicians; the way in which compensation is tied to practice patterns; and what the physician’s rights are when appealing a declination of a request for treatment or deselection from the organization.

In order to negotiate effectively with managed care organizations, physicians need to generate statistics concerning their practice. While outcome analysis research is still in its infancy, specific software programs allow physicians to analyze the efficacy of their treatment decisions as well as the costs. Using such information, physicians can accurately present and defend fee schedules with managed care organizations. With the increasing use of capitation as a method of physician compensation, outcome analysis research is critical to a physician's profitability. If a physician agrees to a capitation rate that is too low, the medical practice will go bankrupt.

Another way physicians can participate in and improve managed care is to become involved with the development of practice parameters, both on national and institutional levels: when physicians participate at the national level in developing clinical practice guidelines based on scientific outcome analysis research, the quality of health care improves and its delivery becomes more cost-effective. Participation in committees of specialty organizations that develop guidelines concerning their area of medicine is yet another way physicians can protect the quality of health care. Additionally, by participating in the managed care organizations' development of internal guidelines, physicians can make certain that their practice patterns are incorporated into the allowable treatment pathways.

Physicians must also take care to offset the increased risk of malpractice suits created by managed care by finding ways to continue communicating with their patients. Poor communication, when coupled with a bad clinical result, is the major reason most medical malpractice claims are filed. An unavoidable consequence of managed care is an increased emphasis on seeing a larger number of patients, combined with a greater rationing of health care based on relative medical needs. This often results in less time spent with the patient by the physician and, often, less treatment. By finding ways to effectively utilize ancillary staff, such as nurse-practitioners and physician assistants, physicians should be able to maintain good patient communication without spending an excessive amount of time with each patient and, in so doing, cause operating losses. The courtesy exhibited by the physician’s office staff becomes a critical factor in patient satisfaction. This extends to minor items such as returning phone calls promptly and assisting patients to arrange appointments conveniently.

Managed care is here to stay. Therefore, physicians need to realize that professional advice is available to help them contract with managed care organizations. Additionally, physicians need to develop ways to analyze their practices so they can accurately and effectively negotiate with managed care organizations. As risk-sharing in the form of capitation becomes more prevalent, accurate financial analysis of the practice patterns is critical to financial success. Lastly, the importance of maintaining open communication and good staff-patient relations cannot be overestimated, since managed care tends to depersonalize treatment.

Dr. Leone has a J.D. degree in addition to his M.D. and now practices law in New Jersey. (see page 13).
MANAGED CARE
A GLOSSARY OF MANAGED CARE TERMS

Capitation: A method of payment for health care services in which the provider accepts a fixed amount of payment per subscriber, per period of time, in exchange for specified services rendered over a period of time.

Concurrent Review: Review of a procedure or hospital admission conducted by a health care professional other than the one providing the care (usually a nurse).

Credentialing: The process of reviewing a practitioner’s credentials, i.e., training, experience, or demonstrated ability, to determine if criteria for clinical privileging are met.

Discounted Fees: Arrangements whereby a provider agrees to provide services on a fee-for-service basis with fees discounted by a given percentage from the physician’s usual charge.

Fee-for-Service: A system of payment for health care whereby a fee is rendered for each service delivered. Under the fee-for-service system, expenditures increase not only if the fees themselves increase but also if more units of service are charged or more expensive services are substituted for less expensive ones. This traditional method contrasts with that frequently used in the prepaid sector where services are covered by a fixed payment made in advance that is independent of the number of services rendered (capitation).

Gatekeeping: The process by which a primary care physician directly provides the primary patient care and coordinates all diagnostic testing and specialty referrals required for a patient’s medical care. Referrals must be prior-authorized by the “gatekeeper” unless there is an emergency. Gatekeeping is a subset of the functions of the primary physician case manager.

Group Contract: An agreement between a managed care company and a subscribing group containing rates, performance covenants, relationships among parties, schedule of benefits, and other conditions. The term is generally limited to a 12-month period but may be renewed.

Health Maintenance Organization (HMO): Any organization that, through an organized system of health care, provides or assures delivery of an agreed-upon set of comprehensive health maintenance and treatment services for an enrolled group of persons for a prepaid fixed sum. Services usually include primary care, emergency care, acute hospital care, extended care and rehabilitation.

Federally Qualified HMO: To be considered a “Federally Qualified Health Maintenance Organization,” an HMO must meet the provisions of the HMO Act, P.L. 93-222, as amended, in Title XIII of the Public Health Service Act.

Group Model HMO: An HMO that contracts with a multispeciality medical group to provide services to HMO enrollees. The medical group is managed independently of the HMO. The medical group, not the HMO, contracts with physicians who are members and pays them directly. Payment from the medical group to the physicians is often on a salary or fee-for-service basis. The medical group is reimbursed by the HMO. Payment is usually on a capitation basis.

Independent Practice Association: (IPA) Model HMO. An HMO that contracts with individual fee-for-service physicians to provide services to HMO enrollees in the physician’s private offices. The HMO may contract directly with independent physicians or with groups of physicians. Physicians in IPAs are usually paid on either a discounted fee-for-service or a capitation basis. Discounts are often accompanied by withholds. (See Withholds at end of glossary).

Network Model HMO: An HMO that contracts with two or more independent group medical practices to provide services to HMO enrollees. Physicians are usually paid by the HMO on a capitation basis.

Staff Model HMO: An HMO that owns the clinical facilities where the enrolled population receives services. The staff model HMO employs physicians and pays them on a salaried basis.

Hybrid Model HMO: An HMO that combines elements of staff, group, and IPA models.

Managed Care Organization (MCO): A generic term that includes all forms of organizations that provide managed health care services, for example, HMO, PPO, CMP, EPO, DPO, PPA.

Medical Director: Physician responsible for bridging health care delivery with management and administration. Major responsibilities include maintaining a provider network, utilization review, and quality assurance.

Performance Bonus: Offered to providers in addition to capitation amounts, salaries, or fees, on the basis of the physician’s performance in meeting the managed care organization’s targets for controlled utilization and cost.

Prior authorization: A method of monitoring and controlling utilization by evaluating the need for medical service prior to its being performed.

Preferred Provider Organization (PPO): A PPO is an entity through which employer health benefit plans and health insurance carriers contract to purchase health care services for covered beneficiaries from a selected group of participating providers. Unlike typical HMO coverage, PPO coverage permits members to use non-participating providers. Some PPOs require providers to share in the financial risk. Others employ the gatekeeping concept.

Withholds: The portion of the monthly capitation payments to physicians withheld by an HMO until a year-end review of utilization norms. A physician who exceeds utilization norms does not receive the withheld amount. The withhold can cover all services or be specific to hospital care, laboratory usage, or specialty referrals.
Exuberant greetings rang out across the roof of “Flower,” as members of the Class of 1970 gathered on Friday evening, May 21, to mark their silver anniversary as physicians.

Graduates and their guests stepping off the elevator looked out on a display of their name tags for the evening -- large, colorful lapel buttons decorated with their Fleur-O-Scope pictures taken 25 years earlier -- a sight that led to gleeful good-humored exchanges, which lasted throughout the evening.

Many class members had not met since their graduation, but it was soon evident that the ties developed during their school years held firm as recollections of special experiences came tumbling forth.

A leisurely cocktail reception was followed by the anniversary dinner, served under an attractively appointed tent on the north end of the roof. Alumni President Michael Antonelle welcomed the class on behalf of the Board of Governors and turned the program over to David Beccia, chairman of the reunion, who spoke words of greeting and shared some anecdotes with his classmates and their guests, before calling on NYMC President and CEO, Reverend Harry C. Barrett, D. Min., M.P.H.

Father Barrett, noting that the 25th anniversary is a good time for remembering, briefly traced the changes in the College over the last quarter-century. He also spoke of the changed, but still vital care-giving mission of the building remembered by these physicians as “Flower,” now Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center, which cares for patients with AIDS and those with long-term developmental disabilities.

“While each generation confronts many new challenges the one unchanging challenge is to recognize and respect individual needs and the value of each human life,” Father Barrett said, and expressed appreciation and warm wishes for continued success to all.

To the accompaniment of continuous cheers, Dr. Susan...
Kline, interim dean of the Medical College, took obvious pleasure in summoning each class member to receive a handsome silver certificate, in recognition of 25 years of service in the medical profession. A fitting conclusion to the program was the presentation to Dr. Beccia of a gift from the College in gratitude for his chairmanship of the reunion. And what gift could be more appropriate than a handsome desk clock to recall a wonderful evening commemorating the passage of time!

Talking with **Chironian** after the reunion, David Beccia said, “Our class members came from many parts of the country, some from as great distances as Arizona, Oregon, and California. There was lots of really good talk about many subjects, exchanges of personal news and, of course, of professional changes. Most of the concerns heard about managed care dealt with the loss of autonomy but people were generally happy with their practice, saying they were compensating for reduction in fees by carrying an increased work load.

“A highlight of the evening was having two members of our class, Tom Graboys and Len Newman, receive the Alumni Association’s Distinguished Achievement Awards for 1995 in recognition of their outstanding work in our profession,” Dr. Beccia said. (Ed. Note: An article about these classmates and Donald Gromisch ‘60, the 1995 medalist, appears in NEWSMAKERS.)

“It was heartening to meet with fellow graduates, to share memories, and realize the common bonds that hold us together. Having had the wonderful experience of this reunion, I would urge all alumni and alumnae in special anniversary years, and especially the 25-year classes, to attend their reunions and be part of the great memories, the history, and the celebration,” David Beccia concluded.
A Joyful Evening of Reflection and Anticipation

One of the world’s best known hotels, The Plaza in New York City, was again the scene of the Alumni Association’s annual banquet, held Saturday evening, May 20. The College and Alumni Association officers welcomed the graduates and their guests warmly; they noted the major anniversaries being celebrated this year by the classes of '45 and '70 as well as the very special event coming two days later for the Class of '95--Commencement--the end of their medical college life and the beginning of their life as physicians.

The evening started with a gracious receiving line followed by a festive cocktail reception that was so pleasant it took many chimes to summon the guests to the banquet and dance.

Selected for special recognition this year were Donald C. Gromisch '60, who was awarded the Association’s Medal of Honor for 1995, Leonard J. Newman '70 and Thomas B. Graboys '70, who were also cited for highly distinguished achievements in their fields. Don Gromisch and Len Newman are pediatricians and Tom Graboys is a cardiologist. For brief profiles of these honorees see NEWSMAKERS.

The Association awarded an additional significant honor, naming NYMC President and CEO, Reverend Harry C. Barrett, D.Min. M.P.H., an honorary alumnus of the Medical College. In his response, Father Barrett said, “Many roles in our lives are temporary. One we know is permanent is that of alumnus or alumna. Being an alumnus is a lifelong commitment that I accept with deep appreciation.”

Following the awards came a prescription from Alumni President Michael A. Antonelle, who told the guests to “have a wonderful time, enjoy the banquet, the dancing, and the pleasure of being with family and friends.” This was one prescription that received full compliance as everyone partook of the sumptuous feast, and responded enthusiastically to the lively music as dusk turned to dark and in what seemed like a very short while it was time to say good night.
To celebrate the golden anniversary of the Class of ’45, the College reproduced copies of their yearbook, Fleurscope 1945. The happy result was that throughout the reunion weekend classmates could be seen smiling over their pictures and rereading the text. And as members of this wonderful class participated in reunion events, including the special anniversary luncheon the College tendered in their honor and the Commencement exercises at which they received their gold diplomas, the following words from their yearbook seemed to echo prophetically:

We have run the last lap. We feel that no class has ever been quite like this one, and we’re sure we are just beginning a different and wonderful life. Yet deep down we have the sneaking suspicion that is an old story. Year in, year out, there are different faces and different names, but the same things will happen as long as our school goes on, which will be for a long, long time...We look forward with the keenest anticipation to what the future will bring, even though we know that these are the days we will someday look back on with nostalgia and recognize as our happiest days, the days we existed as physicians only in the potential. Each of us, because he and she are really untried, can look ahead and hope to achieve what only a few of us will achieve. But each of us knows we are glad we came to Flower, that here we received training that will give us a running start in our profession, that we will be competent in the field of our choice. The friends we made here we will keep....nor will we break the vow we have taken.
A Family Affair: Milestone Reunions for the Classes of ’45 to ’85

Alumni and alumnae whose classes spanned 40 years came together on Sunday, May 21, to mark special anniversaries of their graduation.

Welcoming drinks and hors d’oeuvres preceded the luncheon at which classmates, seated together at designated tables, held catch-up conversations, pausing only long enough between words to permit some “photo ops.” The afternoon concluded with bus tours of the campus during which several well-informed, articulate medical students gave commentary on each of the campus buildings. Of special interest to the graduates of earlier years was the attractive new student housing, which they admired and applauded, as they noted the sharp contrast to their own student housing, still vividly remembered.

In keeping with the Association’s feeling that reunion events are designed solely for pleasure, the College and Alumni officers eschewed formal speeches. Father Barrett, Dr. Antonelle, and Interim Dean Kline greeted the guests and conversed with small groups throughout the afternoon, creating an informal ambiance for the gathering that clearly satisfied everyone.
New Governors

Join the Association’s Board

At the Alumni Association’s Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 21, 1995, the following governors were elected.

MAURA LYNCH FLYNN ’51

For 27 years of her 43-year career Maura Lynch Flynn combined practice in general medicine with occupational medicine, often holding two or more part-time jobs. She warrants a footnote in the history of modern occupational medicine as the first woman to be engaged as a physician by IBM.

Maura Lynch entered NYMC with an R.N. degree from Westchester School of Nursing and three years at New York University. Elected to Cor et Manus on graduation from NYMC, she took a rotating internship at Indiana University Medical Center and completed a surgical residency at SUNY upstate.

From 1953 to 1967 Dr. Flynn was physician to employees and assistant to the director of laboratories at New York Hospital-Cornell University Medical Center, Westchester Division.

Appointed an attending in medicine at St. Agnes Hospital in White Plains in 1954, Dr. Flynn continued that affiliation until her retirement from all professional work in 1992. Both St. Agnes and White Plains Hospital, where she was also a long-time member of the attending staff, recognized her with testimonials to her service.

Dr. Flynn began her work in occupational medicine in 1956 with the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, continuing until the company was dissolved in 1962. In 1971 she started the first of two stints at IBM, covering ten years in all. For a total of twelve years between her IBM tours she served successively as Northeast Regional medical director for the Long Lines and Communications Divisions at ATT and as medical director of ATT Corporate.

Maura Flynn is a fellow of the American College of Occupational Medicine and a charter member of the Westchester Academy of Medicine, which was founded in 1954. She is also a member of the service organization, Telephone Pioneers of America.

ELLIOTT N. PERLA ’74

Elliott Perla is associate professor of clinical medicine at NYMC, chief of the Department of Medicine at Metropolitan, and associate dean of student affairs for the College.

A 1970 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was named to Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Perla was elected to A.O.A. at NYMC. Internship and residency in internal medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital were followed by a fellowship in pulmonary diseases at Metropolitan. He is Board certified in internal medicine with subspecialty certification in both pulmonary diseases and critical care medicine.

During Dr. Perla’s 16 years as a faculty member at NYMC and its affiliated hospitals, he has held important teaching, administrative, and clinical posts. At Metropolitan he served in the pulmonary disease section of the Department of Medicine for ten years, and presently, in addition to chairing the Department of Medicine, he is vice president of the Medical Board and chairman of the committee on infections. He served for five years as chief of the pulmonary disease section of Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center, where he developed and supervised the Center’s comprehensive care program for asthma.

In 1988-89, Dr. Perla served as medical director of the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center, where he had overall charge of medical administration and supervision, as well as coordination of medical education and other academic activities conducted in conjunction with the Medical College.

ARMAND LEONE JR. ’82

Armand Leone Jr. who holds a J.D. degree in addition to his M.D., opened a medical/legal practice in Glen Rock, NJ.

In 1978 Dr. Leone earned a B.A. with high honors from the University of Virginia. On graduating from NYMC, where he was elected to A.O.A., he took an internship in general surgery at Montefiore Hospital in New York City, followed by a radiology residency at Metropolitan Hospital and a chief residency in the NYMC Department of Radiology. He then worked as an associate staff physician in the Department of Radiology at Wayane General Hospital in New Jersey, followed by a brief tour as a senior registrar in the Department of Radiology at Guy’s Hospital in London, England, conducting MRI research. On his return from England, Dr. Leone entered Columbia University School of Law, receiving his J.D. degree in 1991.

An Olympic level horseman, Dr. Leone was a member of the 1980 United States Olympic Equestrian Team. He is the son of two noted radiologists, Rita Girolamo ’51, NYMC professor and vice chairman of the Department of Radiology, and Armand Leone, Sr., ’47, principal of Preakness Radiologic Associates.

MARIO F. TAGLIAGAMBE, JR. ’84

Mario Tagliagambe earned his B.S. degree in biology at Fairleigh Dickenson University in New Jersey. Following his graduation from New York Medical College, he took three years of residency in general surgery at Lincoln Hospital and Medical Center and a tumor fellowship at Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center.

On completing the tumor fellowship in 1988, Dr. Tagliagambe stayed on at Our Lady of Mercy as a house officer, remaining until he decided to change the direction of his career. He took three years of family practice residency at St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Yonkers, NY, the last year as chief resident. Board certified in family practice earlier this year, he has been appointed a faculty attending at the Family Health Center of St. Joseph’s.
Three physicians received high honors at the Alumni Association's annual banquet. Donald S. Gromisch '60 (center), was awarded the Association's 1995 Medal of Honor. Thomas Barr Graboys (left) and Leonard J. Newman, both '70, were also recognized with Citations for their Distinguished Achievements.

Chironian talked with each of the honorees about his work.

DONALD S. GROMISCH '60
CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS, NASSAU COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER; PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS, SUNY, STONY BROOK, NY.

The citation accompanying the medal presented to Dr. Gromisch read in part:

"Out of over 50,000 pediatricians in the United States, 12 are chosen by the American Academy of Pediatrics to serve on the National Committee on Infectious Diseases, which sets the policy followed in the United States and many countries of the world on immunization and treatment of infectious diseases."

One of the 12 members of the Committee is Donald S. Gromisch, whose extraordinary qualities were evident in his days as a medical student when he was elected to A.O.A. in his third year, elected president of his senior class, honored upon graduation as the most outstanding student, and further honored by election to Cor et Manus in recognition of his service to the Medical College community.

The prophecy in those honors has been more than fulfilled in the 35 years of his career to date, and with the exception of his Naval service during the Korean conflict, he remained at NYMC from the time of his chief residency at Metropolitan Hospital in 1962-63 until 1990, when he accepted the post of chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Nassau County Medical Center and professor of pediatrics at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He was acting executive director of NCMC from August 1993 until October 1994.

At New York Medical College he did immensely important work serving variously as professor of pediatrics and vice chairman of the department, chief of service at Metropolitan, chief of pediatrics at Lincoln, and chief of the infectious diseases section of the Medical College for all its affiliated hospitals. At NCMC and SUNY he continues to bring exceptional wisdom and experience to his posts.

When asked what have been the most significant developments in infectious diseases, Dr. Gromisch’s response was immediate: “The development of new vaccines, the most important of which is the one that immunizes against Hemophilus influenza, the most deadly cause of meningitis in children. With the use of this vaccine, Hemophilus influenza has been enormously reduced as a childhood pathogen, and we have virtually wiped out the major cause of meningitis in the USA. Trials on a vaccine for the pneumococcus that will be effective for children at two months of age are now being conducted. Hopefully, this will prove as effective as the Hemophilus influenza vaccine.”

“A new effective acellular pertussis vaccine to eradicate whooping cough without causing the reactions of the whole cell vaccine, and a new varicella vaccine to eradicate chicken pox, are also being watched by the Committee, and recommendations are now being formulated for these new vaccines. Furthermore, monitoring older vaccines such as the measles vaccine and recommending a second measles vaccination before a child enters school have certainly decreased the sporadic measles outbreaks we have seen in the recent past.

“The ramifications of childhood infectious diseases, and therefore of our Committee’s work, are worldwide,” Dr. Gromisch noted. “Germ know no geographic boundaries, and intercontinental travel continues to increase almost exponentially. Further, a disease that might not have very severe complications in one country may produce serious results in another, so that we must look at the broadest scope of an infection.

“The Committee meets twice a year, with many exchanges of faxes and telephone calls taking place continuously, and our group of 12 is joined by representatives of U.S. health-related government agencies -- the NIH, USPHS, and CDC, for example -- in addition to representatives from other countries and the World Health Organization, who may participate at times. Work on the National Committee’s tasks is enormously challenging and rewarding. I’m serving the last year of my six-year term, and I feel my involvement in this work has been one of the important ways I’ve been able to contribute to the specialty,” Dr. Gromisch said.

“Another area with which I’m pleased to have been closely involved is that of improving community health as chief of pediatrics at Metropolitan Hospital and director of pediatrics at Lincoln Hospital, each for a number of years. I know New York Medical College has had a very important impact on the health of the people of East Harlem and the South Bronx. We opened neighborhood health stations in those communities, where for the first time patients saw the same doctor at each visit. Families came to know who their doctor was and to be known by him or to her,” Dr. Gromisch added, concluding “This can rightly be considered a major contribution of the Medical College, and I’m very glad to have been an active participant.”

Far more than an active participant, Don Gromisch has been a leader who, as his citation states, “has shared his knowledge and experience with distinction and devotion, bringing honor to the Medical College and to our profession.”
Leonard J. Newman '70
Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, New York Medical College.

When Leonard Newman chose a subspecialty in gastroenterology during his fellowship at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, he began pioneering research in pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition that he has continued with important results. As his Citation for Distinguished Achievement says, he has substantially advanced knowledge in his subspecialty. Additionally, the citation notes, "he is a vigorous advocate of innovative programs in every aspect of childhood health and disease."

Dr. Newman spoke with Chironian about advances in his department since his appointment to the chair in 1992, the department's history and reputation.

"As far as anyone can remember, pediatrics has had a significant role in the work and goals of this Medical College," Leonard Newman said. "Our Administration appreciates the tradition of excellence and is supportive of our programs and plans. We, in turn, feel obligated and challenged to keep moving forward in our work in order to prevent and, effectively, treat childhood diseases, as well as to provide the best education for future physicians."

"Recently we moved ahead on several fronts, one of which is infectious diseases. We now have formalized that work, with a section now devoted to this field. We also have added a child rheumatology section; and our section of human molecular genetics is conducting extraordinary investigations, probing genetic factors in childhood diseases, with findings of major significance.

"We have a childhood AIDS program that treats some one hundred children from the Hudson Valley region referred to us by physicians in that area and a similar program at Lincoln Hospital."

"We are also actively continuing to involve students in pediatrics for the long term, through such vehicles as the Pediatric Society and our summer programs, hoping they will choose pediatrics as their specialty as we now do on technology. Further, being the patient's best advocate—listening and hearing what the patient is saying—is primary in our role as physicians."

"I learned that lesson 25 years ago in a senior clerkship at Metropolitan Hospital," he recalls. "Those eight months left an indelible impression. They were the culmination of four years of medical training whose mission remains as it was then: to educate students who are charged with care for and caring of patients. Recently I revisited Metropolitan and was struck once again by the intensity and density of the human condition at that facility, as well as by the singular dedication of the New York Medical College faculty."

My quarter-century in Boston has underscored the value of my learning experience at Metropolitan, for if I have strength in medicine it is in that domain."

The citation to Tom Graboys noted that he has had a remarkably productive career in cardiology, in which he has "blended, with the deepest meaning, the classic triad of research, teaching, and patient care... He has sought answers to immensely important questions ranging from those of cardiac arrhythmias and sudden death to medical management policies, particularly those that relate to interventional versus non-invasive treatment of cardiovascular disease."

Tom Graboys came to NYMC with a B.A. from Cornell University. He points out that his decision to specialize in cardiology was a direct result of his fourth-year elective with Dr. Bernard Lown, founder of the Lown Cardiovascular Center, of which Dr. Graboys is now director. He completed training in internal medicine at Boston City Hospital and held a cardiovascular fellowship at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. He then spent two years as a research associate of the Biodynamics Branch of the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks AB, Texas, where he studied the cardiovascular effects of high gravitational stress. He is Board certified in internal medicine with subspecialty certification in cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Graboys has served on the editorial boards of the New England Journal of Medicine and the Journal of Noninvasive Cardiology. He is the author or co-author of 150 publications and abstracts.

Elected to A.O.A. at NYMC, Thomas Graboys has gone on to win numerous additional awards, including an honorary doctorate of science from the University of Massachusetts and the Harvard Medical School Award for Excellence in Teaching.

As Dr. Graboys starts his second quarter-century in the medical profession, the words of the citation awarded to him for distinguished achievement are eminently fitting: "By the principles and standards that are governing your career, you stand as an exemplary role model to future physicians."
Newly arrived members of the Class of ’99 were guests of the Alumni Association on Monday, July 31, at a barbeque that started them on their four-year journey through medical school. The next day they would hear from representatives of the College administration, Alumni Association, faculty, and upper class students, who would welcome them to their new adventure in learning and tell them something of what they might expect, as well as what would be expected of them.

But for the moment the newcomers simply enjoyed playing a game of volleyball, relishing the plentiful food awaiting them, and becoming acquainted with their classmates—not yet ready for the thought that one day in the next century it will be their turn, as alumnae and alumni of New York Medical College, to welcome new students to their alma mater.

At the reception, Dr. Antonelle presented a gift on behalf of the Board of Governors to Carol Manberg Wininger, a member of this year’s Silver Anniversary Class of 1970, in appreciation of her strong support of the Medical College.

During the 76th annual meeting of the American College of Physicians, held in Atlanta, GA, last March, alumni and alumnae from the Atlanta area joined with graduates from other sections of the country at a reception hosted by NYMC on Friday evening, March 17, at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

Alumni Association President Michael A. Antonelle and Richard Biondi, then vice president for institutional advancement, spoke to the group about developments at the College and the Association. Noting that the number of NYMC alumni in the area is growing, they welcome the interest expressed by graduates in initiating an Alumni Association chapter for Greater Atlanta, site of the 1996 Olympic Games.
Class Notes:

A reunion for five-year “milestone” classes will be held Sunday, May 19, at The Alumni Center on the campus at Valhalla.

Editor’s Note: News of the professional and personal activities of NYMC graduates is arriving on your editor’s desk in ever-increasing volume. Therefore, in order to have space for a greater number of Class Notes, effective with this issue we will abbreviate names of institutions and locations. Most of our “shorthand” will be familiar or self-evident, e.g., Columbia P&S, NYU, UCLA. We will continue to use the initials WC for Westchester County Medical Center, UMDNJ for University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, UCSD for University of California of San Diego, and will add other such abbreviations as warranted.

Growing familiarity with shortcuts in the world of cyberspace -- E-mail addresses, for instance -- also warrants adopting such addresses as Ctr for Center, C for College, H for Hospital M for Medicine or Medical, S for School, and U for University, thus, UC San Diego S of M, Baylor C of M, Harvard M S, Texas Tech U S of M, NYH—Cornell U M Ctr, Einstein C of M. We will, as appropriate for clarity, use the Postal Services abbreviations for states when they are part of institutional names, as in Massachusetts General Hospital (MA Genl H).

When sending us information for Class Notes, don’t worry about following any particular form of abbreviation. However, if the name of an organization or institution is not widely known, please provide its full name -- and always include the location (town, city, or campus, and state). If an academic institution is well known, but has several campuses, please name the campus involved.

If you have specific suggestions regarding abbreviations, by all means send them to us. This is a “work in progress and we will welcome your comments. Address: Editor, Chironian, Alumni Center, New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY 10595.

We look forward to hearing from you.

1933

George Stivala writes: “Our last reunion was in 1993. Would those who would like a dinner reunion please let me know at 1376 Midland Avenue, Bronxville, NY, 10708.”

1934

George Nagamatsu was honored with the Senior Pioneer Award of the Society for Urology and Engineering (SUE) for “his significant contributions in applying engineering technology to medicine, having great positive impact on the lives of many patients.” Dr. Nagamatsu, chairman emeritus of the NYMC Department of Urology, is founder and president of SUE.

1936

60-YEAR REUNION

Joseph Budetti will welcome any classmates who visit Miami. Louis Perillo writes that he is retired, living in Perth Amboy, NJ, and doing well at age 87. He enjoys his wife, Teresa, five children, and eleven grandchildren.

1946

50-YEAR REUNION

1947

William Blake has joined Fallon Medical Center in Holden, MA in family practice. Board certified in pathology and family practice, he teaches at U MA M S and Yale M S. He is former chief of pathology at Hahnemann H and has been in family practice since 1969. Dr. Blake announced his retirement in the fall of ‘94, but after two months he decided retirement was “out of the question” for him. “With the growing emphasis on primary care,” he says, “I feel there is plenty of need for another physician in the area and I can continue to practice for a number of years.”

Benjamin Gimnaro of Farmingdale, NY retired from practice in May of this year. In a newspaper interview Dr. Gimnaro said, “I’ve practiced here, in the house I was born in, for 45 years and nine months. I started August 15, 1940. On my first day I had six patients.”

Paul Lazar has retired from practice of dermatology, but he heads the ethics committee of the American Academy of Dermatology and is still active at Northwestern M.S.

1950

Bernard Wetchler will move to Chicago January 1, 1996 to teach professional preparedness and practice management to the anesthesia residents in the six university teaching departments of anesthesia in Chicago. His academic appointment as clinical professor of anesthesiology will be at the U of Illinois C of M. Dr. Wetchler received the Distinguished Service Award of the Society of Ambulatory Anesthesia at the Society’s 10th annual meeting. He was a founding member of the Society and its first president.

1951

45-YEAR REUNION

1953

Michael Bernstein is director of internal medicine at Overlook H in Summit, NJ, and clinical professor of medicine at Columbia P&S. He was awarded a mastership by the ACP and currently serves as a member of the residency review committee for internal medicine. He writes: “Would love hearing from old (young) classmates; 42 years go by all too quickly.”

Peter McNamara has joined the department of gastroenterology in a multispecialty and family practice group, the Milwaukee Medical Clinic.

William Ryan is a volunteer physician for the State of Florida.

Solly Scheiner practices ob/gyn in Forest Hills, NY. He is Board certified in ob/gyn, and is a fellow of ACOG.

1954

Herbert Cole has joined with seven other pediatricians, including Geraldine Nelson ’65, to merge their practices, and will see patients at three NJ locations. Dr. Cole, Board certified in pediatrics, is a fellow of AAP and served as president of the medical/dental staff and chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Chilton Memorial H, where he is currently a member of the Hospital’s board of trustees. He is a clinical assistant professor of pediatrics at UMDNJ.

1955

James Finnerty writes that he, Herbert Kravitz and Lowell Kane have established the “Sunshine Boys” E-Mail group on Internet and would love to hear from other members of the Class. He gives their addresses as follows: Jim Finnerty --JIF@ Avery, Med Virginia. EDU Lowell Kane -- Lowtsey@ AOL. Com. Herb Kravitz -- Kravo @ ICON. Net.

1956

40-YEAR REUNION

Thomas Degnan is director of the state-of-the-art Boas Marks Biomedical Science Research Ctr at North Shore U H.

Martin Floch represented ACG for gastroenterology at the ACP special meeting on the “Relationship of Specialist to Generalist in the new Managed Care Environment.” The meeting took place in Chicago, July 19-21.

James Leach writes that he has a 10th grandchild, now 3 boys, 7 girls. He is playing lots of golf with Douglas Nisbet. He adds: “Look forward to our 40th reunion in May. Let’s have a big turnout.”

Lina Merlino represented the Richmond County (SI, NY) Medical Society during the 1995 National Leadership Conference of the AMA in Washington,
DC. Dr. Merlino, a pediatrician, is a fellow of the AAP, and vice chair of the Pediatric Section of the Academy of Medicine in Richmond.

RonalD Pion reports that he has “launched a new telecommunications service with Pacific Bell, offering access to knowledge base and decision support, for patients, providers, and payors, available by phone and/or computer.”

1957
MarIOn Schauer Brancuci is associate clinical director of psychiatry and chief of the stabilization unit at the psychiatric institute of WCMC.

JoHN de angeliS has retired and now lives in Naples, FL and Melville Village, NH. He is completing his term as a governor of the ACS and plans to do surgery as a volunteer in undeveloped countries.

J. John SteinHilber closed his psychiatry practice after 30 years in Concord, MA, and has started as a locum tenens with Comp/Health. He now lives on St. Simon’s Island, GA.

1958
Donald Jones, a psychiatrist of Ashland, VA, has retired after an immensely active career that included 25 years in the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services. To note just a few of his posts: As a Captain in the U.S. Strategic Air Command, he served as chief of psychiatric services at Fairchild Air Force Base and received special training in the USAF’s Human Reliability Program, working with personnel who handled nuclear weapons. As director of psychiatric services in the State Commissioner’s Office for 25 years, he was an early contributor to the State’s patients rights regulations, and also helped revise the insanity defense laws. He was the primary author of Virginia’s first departmental instruction on AIDS and represented the State on the Mid-Atlantic Regional AIDS Consortium.

1960
Harry Locke reports with pleasure that he is the grandfather of Nathaniel Shimon, now 2 years old.

1961
35-year REUNION

Peter Altman, who is the Randolph N. Schullinger professor of surgery in surgery and pediatrics at Columbia P&S and director of pediatrics at Babies and Children’s H at Columbia Presbyterian M Ctr, delivered the Ballantine Lecture at Hershey M Ctr in PA last spring. Internationally known for his work on surgical treatment of hepatic disorders in children, he spoke on “Biliary Atresia -- One Surgeon’s 25-Year Experience.”

Robert Hirsi has been named to the board of trustees of Holy Name H in Teaneck, NJ. Board certified in ob/gyn, he has been on the hospital’s medical staff since 1966. He is a founding member of Shelter Our Sisters, a program to help abused and homeless women and their children, and also serves on the board of the Holy Name Health Alliance.

1962
John Morgan has joined the Department of Medicine staff at Mercer M Ctr in Trenton, NJ. He lives in Lawrenceville, NJ.

Marvin Roth writes that he and Nancy have been married 37 years. They have three daughters, three sons-in-law, one grandson, three granddaughters, and adds, “still counting! Thankfully, we are all healthy and happy.”

1963
Philip Kauff of Yardley, PA, has joined the Department of Ob/Gyn at St. Francis Med Ctr in Trenton, NJ. He has had teaching appointments at Jefferson M C and the U of P and currently lectures at UMDNJ.

1964
Ronald Rudlin moved his family practice from Los Angeles to the resort area of Rancho Mirage, CA, “in the Palm Springs vicinity.” He is applying for staff at Eisenhower M Ctr and “would enjoy getting together with any snowbirds coming through.”

1965
Geraldine Nelson has joined seven other NJ pediatricians, including Herbert Cule ’54 (See Class of ’54) in merging their practices, and will see patients at three locations. Dr. Nelson is an assistant professor of pediatrics at UMDNJ. The author of numerous publications, she completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Einstein C of M in NY. She is a member of the Flying Physicians Association.

Charles Weinberg reported that he continues to practice ob/gyn in Southern California and that his daughter, Lisa, would be married in Dallas in December.

1966
30-Year REUNION

Stephan Greenberg is director of surgical services of U.S. Navy Fleet Hospital Seven, Fort Dix, NJ, was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal in September. He recently authored an article on a baseline eye laser safety program, and he will lecture on ocular trauma at the Association of Military Surgeons’ annual meeting in Anaheim, CA, in November. He and his wife, Nuri, and their three children, live in Hornell, NY.

J. Michael Purcell, who chairs the Albany/Schenectady (NY) Chapter of the Alumni Association, has been reappointed chief of dermatology at St. Peter’s H in Albany.

1967
Carl Lundborg reported proudly that his daughter, Maja Lundborg Gray is now a alumna of NYMC, having graduated in May. (Ed. Note: She also won high honors, which her father modestly refrained from mentioning).

1968
James McGroarty, who is an ophthalmologist, was honored last spring by the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation’s Brooklyn (NY) Chapter for his work in diabetic eye disease. Specializing in retinal disease, he has a particular interest in complications of diabetes that affect the eye. He has practiced in Brooklyn for 18 years and is on staff at Long Island C H and NY Methodist H, and is a clinical professor at SUNY Health Sciences Ctr in Brooklyn. He is also the NY State Ophthalmological Society’s Coordinator for the Diabetes 2000 Program, which informs physicians and the public about the importance of early detection in preventing visual loss from diabetic eye disease.

1969
Mark Glasser says he spends much time lecturing and teaching gyn laparoscopy in addition to his clinical practice but says it is “very rewarding and fun.” Royalties from the sale of the Glasser laparoscopic needle have given him and Gail “a nice dinner at one of San Francisco’s fine restaurants.”

Richard Hirsi organized and led a mammography teaching mission to the West Bank in August, bringing donated equipment and a team of experts to install and teach its use, and gave Palestinian radiologists and physicians instruction in film interpretation. He worked with the support of the Ministry of Health of Israel and the Palestinian National Authority. He led a similar mission to Nepal in the summer of ’94.

1971
25-Year REUNION

Harvey Aiges looks forward to the 25-year Reunion of his class. (Editor’s Note: Dr. Aiges is right to anticipate this event with pleasure; The date is Friday evening, May 17, 1996. Classmates are urged to read the coverage of the 25-Year reunion of the Class of ’70, on Page 8 in this issue, and note particularly the words of the Chairman, David Beccia.)

Dennis Frank wrote in September that after 20 years with the USAF he had just retired from the Air Force and has relocated to Scottsdale, AZ, as an internist/gastroenterologist with Complete Medical Care, Ltd.

Robert Kaplan has been appointed associate clinical professor of pediatrics at UC Irvine, CA. He adds that he is chairman of substance abuse for the AAP, Chapter 2.
Kathleen Nelson, professor of pediatrics at the U of Alabama S of M in Birmingham, has been appointed associate dean of students.

1974
Steven Weinstock practices gastroenterology. He and his wife, Shelley, have three children: Amiel, 21, a junior at U of P; Sarah, 18, who spent last year in Israel, and Georgette, a high school sophomore.

1975
Thomas Biancanello, director of pediatric cardiology of University M Ctr at SUNY Stony Brook, NY, has been appointed medical director and associate director of University H. “The most satisfying part of this job is seeing the kids I followed for many years leading normal lives,” he says. “That’s the advantage of staying in one place 15 years.

Charles Colby of Greenwood, SC, has been appointed to the Board of Visitors of the Medical U of SC in Charleston. A radiologist, he is a partner in Greenwood Imaging Ctr and a member of the board of trustees of Self Memorial H and past president of the medical staff.

Patricia Garlock has been appointed chairman of perinatology at Little Falls H in Little Falls, NY. She is also the secretary-treasurer of the medical staff for 1995-96. Her practice of ob/gyn is based in Herkimer, NY. She joined the hospital staff in 1991.

Robert McNamne has been elected second vice president of the medical staff executive committee of Morton H M Ctr in Taunton, MA. An oncologist, he took his medical residency and chief medical residency at Worcester City H and completed a fellowship in medical oncology at Albany (NY) M C.

Mark Siletchnik retired from the U.S. Army and opened a private practice of ob/gyn with another physician at Russellville Women’s Ctr in Russellville, KY.

John Skrzypczak writes that he lives in Ashburnham, in North Central MA, and is currently director of emergency services at Heywood H in Gardner and Athol Memorial H in Athol, MA. He adds, “Hello to Kevin, Jim, and Carl!”

1976
Marshall Kramer is chief of thoracic surgery at Our Lady of Mercy M Ctr. He completed residency training in cardiovascular and thoracic surgery at the hospitals of Harvard M S, and fellowships through NSF, NIH, and the U of M S Hawaii. He is Board certified in surgery and thoracic surgery, and is assistant clinical professor of surgery at NYMIC. His research interests include video-assisted thoracic surgery, lung cancer, esophageal surgery, and state-of-the-art pacemaker implantation.

Alan Aker and his wife, Ann, who are ophthalmologists in Boca Raton, FL, are involved in a number of projects to help the needy. They established an eye institute to serve the poor in the Dominican Republic, helped set up the Caribbean Eye Program to treat the needy on St. Kitts in the West Indies, and bought and renovated two houses in an Amish community in PA, where the family has ties and where patients are treated and stay after surgery without charge.

1977
Howard Schrzan writes that he lives in Manhattan with his wife, Hedy, and their two children. He practices anesthesiology at Brooklyn’s Miamonides M Ctr and Coney Island H. He adds that in a letter he wrote to Commentary magazine, which was published recently, he pointed out that “opera legend Maria Callas was born at the old Flower Hospital.”

John Powers reports that after serving for five years as chief of the Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine at Trilper Army Medical Center, Honolulu, HI, he has moved to the Washington, DC, area to become the family practice consultant to the Surgeon General of the U.S. Army.

1978
Allan Plunser is chief of the division of gastroenterology at St. Peter’s M Ctr in New Brunswick, NJ.

William Zarowitz has been elected to the Alumni Association’s Board of Governors.

1979
Ellen Frankel wrote that she had been appointed chief of dermatology at St. Joseph’s Hospital in (RNO Chingk.).

Magdalen Hull is chief of reproductive medicine in the department of ob/gyn at Winthrop-U H in Mineola, NY. She is Board certified in ob/gyn and her major research interest is endometriosis. Her postgraduate training included a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at Wayne State U S of M and a residency at Einstein.

Maryellen Romano is now a full-time member of the attending staff at Staten Island (NY) U H and is director of the hospital’s new center for women’s health.

1980
Loretta Terranova, who is Board certified in family practice, has joined Brooklyn Heights (NY) Family Practice.

1981
Anthony Maddalo is in private orthopaedic practice in N. Tarrytown, NY, and is assistant team physician to the NY Rangers. He and his wife, Pattie and their sons, Matthew, 9, Mark, 7, and Nicholas, 3, are doing well.

1982
Catherine Labuk-Maher and James Maher, III proudly reported the birth of their fourth child, Mary Catherine, in December ’94, adding that siblings Shannon, 9, Jimmy, 7, and Brian, 4, are very proud as well.

Brian Solow was elected chairman of family medicine at Irvine M Ctr in Irvine, CA.

William Teube practices internal medicine in Rhinebeck, NY. He, his wife, and seven children, ages 1 to 12 years, live in Clermont.

1983
Joan Liman and her husband celebrated their 25th wedding in June: their daughter, Melanie, graduated from the U of Rochester in May. Dr Liman is associate dean for student affairs at New Jersey M S.

Richard Zelkowitz, an oncologist on the staff of Norwalk H in Connecticut, was honored by the Fairfield County, (Ct) Medical Association, which annually recognizes a young physician for “demonstrated notable capability in patient treatment and care.” He is Board certified in internal medicine, with specialty certification in hematology and oncology.

1984
Duane Austin reports that his wife, Arlene, gave birth to their second child, Caroline Anne, in December ’94.

Emilio Musso was inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons at ceremonies during the Academy’s 62nd annual meeting in Orlando, FL, in February.

Kathryn Peper has been elected to fellowship in ACP. She is medical director of the Morristown (NJ) Adult Health Clinic, which is a section of Morristown Memorial H, and is an assistant clinical professor at Columbia U P&S.

1985
Aron Rose continues his interest in teaching, both at Yale U, where he is an assistant clinical professor of ophthalmology, and abroad. He joined Orbis International for a surgical mission to China this fall and we look forward to his report in the Spring issue of this journal.

Gary Turner reports that he has three children, Jason Aaron, born in ’87, Carly Melissa, born in ’89, and David Ethan, born in ’94. He is an ophthalmologist, practicing in White Plains, NY, and is an attending on the White Plains H staff.
1986

10-YEAR REUNION

1987
GORDON KUTTNER has been appointed assistant professor of ob/gyn at Albany (NY) M C. He will also serve as director of the assisted reproductive technologies program at the College's Women's Health Center.

BARBARA MINKOWITZ has joined the medical staff at United Hospitals M Ctr in Newark, NJ, as an orthopedic surgeon.

MICHELLE (GROSZ) MULTZ wrote that she and her husband, Alan Multz, "were blessed with the birth of our first child, Rachel Ashley," adding "I have cut back on my work schedule, working in a private practice radiology group in Suffolk County (NY), three days a week. Parenthood is wonderful!," she concludes.

JAMES SALVATORE has been elected chairman of the Department of Anesthesia at St. Mary Corwin H. in Pueblo, CO. SHIRLEY SALVATORE is clinical director for family practice residency at St. Mary Corwin. Their second child, Asa Jordan, was born this June.

1988
NORA HANSEN completed a general surgery residency at the U of Chicago. After a two-year surgical research fellowship, she is now in her clinical year of a surgical oncology fellowship at Chicago.

ROBERT YACNYCH graduated from his emergency medicine residency at Madigan Army M Ctr on June 30. He is now on staff of the Department of Emergency Medicine, Womack Army M Ctr, Fort Bragg, NC. He and his wife, Marianne, are enjoying Eddie, 3, and David, now 18 months old.

1989
VANESSA JEFFERS has been appointed director of ambulatory care in the Department of Medicine at the Brooklyn Hospital Ctr, where she has been an attending on the Department's staff since June '94. Noting her appointment, her chairman described her as "an extremely capable physician and a tremendous asset to the Department of Medicine."

KATHY MUNEASA has joined the Department of Internal Medicine at Charlton Memorial H in Fall River, MA, and Allergy Associates in N. Dartmouth, MA.

1990
ELIAS CHUA completed his anesthesiology residency at the H of the U of P and practices at the Graduate H in Philadelphia.

ROMAN BILINSKY and his wife welcomed a daughter, Maria Halya, born in October '94. He is now in his last year of a pediatric neurology fellowship at Walter Reed Army M Ctr.

AMY NOVATT has been appointed director of the Women's Health Ctr of Sharon and Winsted Memorial Hs in Litchfield County, CT. She and her husband, Ronald Whitmont, M.D., have a son, Reed, now 18 months old.

1991

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ROY STERN reports that he is doing a dermatology residency at Cooper H in Philadelphia, where he also lives.

1992
RONALD HICKS and his wife, Diana, are in Fayetteville, NC, where he is finishing his family medicine residency in the Duke/FAHEC program.

1993
SHOLEY ARGANI is taking a nephrology fellowship at Massachusetts General, having enjoyed his residency at NE Deaconess H. He adds: "I send my best to all at New York Medical College, which made everything possible for me."

ROBERT GROSS reported that he is in his second year of anesthesia at Columbia. "will be traveling to California in October to visit classmate LOVELLA CULVY-DIAZ and my beautiful goddaughter, Lovella's daughter, Tatyana, who is now one year old. He adds, "Hi to all."

ROSS SWITAKS is a general medical officer on the amphibious carrier, USS Boxer, based in San Diego, CA.

Golf Outing:
A Benefit to Players and Students Alike

The Alumni Association's annual golf benefits are doubly rewarding to the participants because they enjoy a good day on the green and have the satisfaction of knowing they are helping to support educational programs for NYMC students.

The day of the Fifth Annual Golf Benefit, May 9, 1995, dawned with perfect weather. After registration, lunch, and 18 holes of golf, the cocktail hour provided the perfect opportunity for the players to relax and replay, verbally, lots of shots, including those that won some of the well-chosen prizes presented during dinner.

Prizes were awarded for 1st and 2nd low gross, 1st through 5th low net, nearest to the pin, and the longest drive, as well as prizes for the Yellow Ball Game winners. Winners of the raffle prizes described them as "fabulous," and the evening ended with a consensus that only one prize was missing; for an event as well planned and as much enjoyed as this golf benefit the Benefit Committee deserved a gold medal. ■
Annual Fund Honor Roll

Following are the names of alumni and alumnae who contributed to the Annual Fund Campaign of the fiscal year July 1, 1994 – June 30, 1995.

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- Class of 1943
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- Class of 1962
- Dr. Joseph Dollo Russo

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