Thanks to All for Successful JCAHO Survey Results

JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations) Accreditation Survey: Our hospitals received a score of 92, with one type one; the Methodist Nursing Center received a score of 96, with one type one. “I want to thank you for your dedication, hard work and enthusiasm. The reviewers learned something that I have always known, that the health care we provide is very special because our employees and medical staff members are skilled and caring. “Thanks again for your commitment to Jefferson,”

Thomas Jefferson University
Chair, Board of Trustees
Ben Burke Howell, Esq.

Ben Burke Howell, Esq. is the new Chair of the Board of Trustees, Thomas Jefferson University. Mr. Howell had been elected Chairman on July 28 when Douglas J. MacMaster Jr., Esq. announced his intention to step down as Chair at the end of his term on December 31, 2003. A Trustee since 1996, Mr. Howell has a diverse business practice which covers a broad range of corporate and finance matters. A partner in the Corporate and Securities Group of Reed Smith LLP, Mr. Howell is regularly involved in mergers and acquisitions, corporate and commercial financings, private equity transactions, technology transfer and corporate restructuring/workouts. Mr. Howell has lectured extensively on various topics related to his practice. He is active in several American Bar Association (ABA) Committees within the Business Law Section, and is Chair of the ABA Banking Law Subcommittee on Commercial Transactions. Mr. Howell sits on the board of the Episcopal Community Services and The Union League of Philadelphia. A native of North Carolina, Mr. Howell is a 1981 graduate of the Duke University School of Law. He received his BA in Literature from Pfeiffer College in 1978. Prior to joining the Philadelphia office of Reed Smith, Mr. Howell practiced with the firm of Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison in San Francisco. He is a member of the Merion Golf Club, The Union League of Philadelphia and the Fourth Street Club. Mr. Howell enjoys golf and bluegrass music.

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Louis Weinstein, MD

Distinguished clinician-researcher Louis Weinstein, MD, has been named Chair of the Department and the Paul A. and Eloise B. Bowers Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology to Jefferson, following a decade at the Medical College of Ohio, preceded by more than a decade at the University of Arizona. Dr. Weinstein brings an outstanding background in Obstetrics and Gynecology to Jefferson, following a decade at the Medical College of Ohio, preceded by more than a decade at the University of Arizona. Dr. Weinstein’s extensive committee work at both Ohio and Arizona included chairing such committees as Finance, Physician Recruitment, Evaluation, Tenure, Residency Review and Evaluation, and a 2003 task force to form a new practice plan. 

Meet New Leaders

Happy New Year!

As Jefferson begins another exciting year, it is an ideal time for everyone in our community to become acquainted with new or recently appointed leaders. Fortunately, our reputation and successes enable Jefferson to attract outstanding new talent, to promote highly qualified individuals from within, and to retain valuable members of our internationally respected staff. The energy resulting from the collaboration of this unique combination of new and established leaders will enable Jefferson to focus our enterprise strengths to achieve important goals this year and beyond.

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Earns Joint Commission’s VITAL SIGNS: Evaluation, a 2003 task force to form a new practice plan.

For more about Dr. Weinstein, see Page 3.

JMC Students Brighten Young Lives for 2004

The lives of 100 homeless children and their mothers were made a bit brighter for the New Year, thanks to the volunteer efforts of many Jefferson Medical College (JMC) students who contributed 188 wrapped gifts (one piece of clothing and one toy for each designated child) and $216 in gift certificates to the third annual “Giving Tree” sponsored by Acts of the Apostles Church in North Philadelphia. The lives of 100 homeless children and other disadvantaged urban children. This year’s party was a resounding success, surpassing last year’s gift total by a wide margin, says Joshua Pays, JMC ’04, co-founder of the Literacy Program, in passing the reins of the “Giving Tree” next year to Andrea Kline, JMC ’06, and Morgan Leafe, JMC ’06. See photos above.

United Way 2003 Goes Over the Top!

Thanks to the generosity of participating employees, the 2003 United Way Campaign was a resounding success! By mid-December, pledges totaled more than $184,000, exceeding the goal of $175,000. More than $27,000 had been designated to Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. This year’s party was a resounding success, surpassing last year’s gift total by a wide margin, says Joshua Pays, JMC ’04, co-founder of the Literacy Program, in passing the reins of coordinating the “Giving Tree” next year to Andrea Kline, JMC ’06, and Morgan Leafe, JMC ’06. See photos above.

JHC HOPE for Kids: Fifteen JMC students took some of their very scarce personal time to transport and help give out each child’s gift at the annual holiday party at the Apostles Church in North Philadelphia, site of the JHC HOPE for Kids-sponsored Literacy Program that teaches reading to young homeless and other disadvantaged urban children. This year’s party was a resounding success, surpassing last year’s gift total by a wide margin, says Joshua Pays, JMC ’04, co-founder of the Literacy Program, in passing the reins of coordinating the “Giving Tree” next year to Andrea Kline, JMC ’06, and Morgan Leafe, JMC ’06. See photos above.

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Jefferson College of Health Professions Chair, Department of Diagnostic Imaging

Frances H. Gilman, MS, RT

Frances H. Gilman, MS, RT(R)(CT)(MR)(CV), has been appointed Chair, Department of Diagnostic Imaging, Jefferson Medical College (JMC). His appointment coincides with JMC designating the Office of Health Policy as an academic department within the medical school. Dr. Nasca has been a leading figure in the field of health policy and has served in numerous leadership roles at Jefferson and other institutions.

Jefferson Medical College Chair, Department of Health Policy

David B. Nash, MD, MBA

Dr. Nash, a leading health policy expert, has been named Chair, Department of Health Policy, Jefferson Medical College. His appointment comes at a time when the field of health policy is becoming increasingly important. Dr. Nash has a wealth of experience in the field and is well-regarded for his contributions to the advancement of health policy research.

Scott Library Helps Jefferson Researchers Publish – And Save Money!

Thomas Jefferson University has joined BioMed Central (BMC), an independent publishing house committed to providing open access to peer-reviewed biological and medical research publications. As part of Jefferson’s institutional membership, the 5000 per article publication fee is waived for any Jefferson faculty member or student whose article is accepted by any of the more than 60 participating journals. Authors retain copyright, and articles are free to all readers.

Sleep Center Testing Lab Moves to Methodist Hospital

The patient testing lab for Thomas Jefferson University Hospital’s Sleep Disorders Center has been moved to the Methodist Hospital division of Jefferson Medical College in South Philadelphia. The lab, which is now housed on the 6th floor of Methodist Hospital at 2501 S Broad St., can accommodate more patients with sleep problems who need to be tested. The lab is open to Jefferson Medical College sleep medicine fellows and other graduate and postdoctoral level students.

University Invests William M. Keane, MD, as Herbert Kean, MD, Chair of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery

William M. Keane, MD, was invested as the first holder of the Herbert Kean, MD, Chair in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery in a ceremony in the Eakins Lounge. The chair is named in honor of Dr. Keane, a 1970 graduate of Harvard Medical School, and is credited with establishing a national reputation for Jefferson’s Otolaryngology Department. Dr. Keane, MD, whose generosity is responsible for the named chair, completed his residency in otolaryngology at Jefferson and was a Clinical Professor of Otolaryngology at Jefferson Medical College, (JMC). He performed the first (1980) and the 50,000th (1988) outpatient procedures at the Jefferson Surgical Center. In his remarks at the investiture ceremony, which was attended by 100 people, including administration, medical staff and friends, Paul C. Brucker, MD, President of Thomas Jefferson University, commented on the proud legacy of the otolaryngology department and discussed the impact of Dr. Kean’s gift. In thanking Dr. Keane and congratulating Dr. Keane, Dr. Brucker said: “This milestone is important to our institution and marks yet another advance that is meaningful and significant.

James H. Keen, PhD Named Vice President for International Affairs

James H. Keen, PhD, has been named Vice President for International Affairs, Thomas Jefferson University, Paul C. Brucker, MD, University President, has announced. Dr. Keen succeeds Jussi J. Sakkonen, MD in this role, and will head the Office of International Affairs, composed of the Office of International Exchange Services as well as the Jefferson University Office of International Programs. This responsibility will complement Dr. Keen’s position as Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, said Dr. Brucker. "Foreign nationals who come to Jefferson for training opportunities in the basic sciences, at both the predoctoral and postdoctoral level, comprise a major portion of the activity of the Office of International Exchange Services. The Office also facilitates visa document processing for various clinical positions and interfaces with House Staff Affairs and the Office of Medical Staff Affairs. In addition, the Office leads a number of University-sponsored international programs, including the Lemons K. Black Prize and International Symposium and administration of the Forrester Grants for International Study. It also interfaces with the faculty University Advisory Committee on International Affairs." Dr. Keen commented that “the conduct of scientific investigation has long been an international endeavor. While recent events here and abroad make this more challenging, they also cause us to appreciate more fully the importance of international cooperation in both scientific progress and cultural exchange. "I am delighted that the University accords this activity a high profile, and it will be a pleasure to work with Mr. Janice Bogen, Director of the Office of International Exchange Services, and her excellent staff. Dr. Keen can be reached at 215-503-8902.”
Researchers Awarded Grants

**Dennis B. Leeper, PhD**

Dennis B. Leeper, PhD, Professor of Experimental Radiation Oncology at Jefferson's Sidney Kimmel Medical College, has been awarded the $6 Million from NCI to study the effectiveness of conventional therapy combined with hyperthermia. This goal is accomplished by modifying the tumor environment by increasing oxygen and acidity levels. Other new treatments for cancers may emerge from these studies.

**Paul J. DiMuzio, MD**

Vascular surgeon Paul J. DiMuzio, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery and Radiology, Jefferson Medical College (JMC), and Director of the Cardiovascular Research Laboratory, has been named the 2003 Wylie Scholar in Academic Surgery and Radiology, Jefferson Medical College. Dr. DiMuzio also recently received the 2003 William B. Keffer Award from the Cardiovascular Institute of Philadelphia.

**Dr. Weinstein**

In Memoriam

Burtton L. Wellenbach, MD, JMC '44, B4

The Jefferson community mourns the death November 26 of Burton L. Wellenbach, MD, JMC '44, B4, of Haverford, Emeritus Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, who helped bring new life into the world for more than 40 years. "Everybody I go...," his daughter-in-law Tricia Wellenbach said, "if women hear my last name, they come up to me and tell me that my father-in-law had delivered them, or their children, or their grandchildren." Sometimes, she said, he delivered all three generations.

Before retiring in 1999, Dr. Wellenbach taught at Jefferson Medical College (JMC) while maintaining an obstetrics and gynecological practice. Dr. Wellenbach introduced human obstetrics to the JMC curriculum. His area of interest included toxemia in pregnancy and new concepts of population control. He was Past President of the JMC Alumni Association and former Chair of the JMC Ethics Committee.

His wife of 52 years, Shirley Schoenberg Wellenbach, died in 2000. They were married by three sons, two daughters, a brother and six grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Burton L. Wellenbach Memorial Fund, Jefferson University Office of Institutional Advancement, 925 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 19107.

**Thomas Jefferson University Hospital**

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital has been nationally recognized for its outstanding efforts to maintain a clean and healthy indoor air environment for patients and staff.

The National Air Filtration Association (NAFA) awarded the hospital the 2003 NAFA Clean Air Award, making Jefferson the only known Philadelphia-area organization to ever receive this honor, said Al Veeck, NAFA Executive Director. The award recognizes a person, organization or company for utilizing effective air filtration in maintaining a clean and healthy indoor work environment, while reducing overall operating costs.

Very few organizations or individuals receive this annual award, Mr. Veeck stressed. Past winners included hospitals in Oregon and Tennessee.

Jefferson University Hospital's upgrading to high efficiency air and odor filters over the past few years has provided both patients and staff with superior indoor air quality and eliminated odors.

**Dr. DiMuzio**

Construction of the new Cardiovascular Institute building is to begin within the next six months. The $6 million over four years. Dr. DiMuzio's grant will run until 2006. His research involves tissue-engineering new blood vessels and arteries to help those in need of bypass surgery, but who lack suitable, vein-like natural blood vessels needed for this procedure. For his research, Dr. DiMuzio is now being awarded a $150,000 multi-year grant.

**Dr. Weinstein**

In an announcement the appointment of Louis Weinstein, MD, as Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Thomas J. Nacza, MD, FACS Dean, JMC, said, "We are pleased to welcome Dr. Weinstein to Jefferson. He brings vast experience and expertise in maternal-fetal medicine as well as general obstetrics and gynecology. He is a proven national leader in the field who has gained the admiration and respect of both faculty and students at the Medical College of Ohio." Dr. Weinstein's knowledge, experience and compassion made him the ideal choice for chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology," noted Thomas J. Lewis, hospital President and CEO. "He has a wonderful opportunity to build on the talented staff that is well-recognized for its clinical excellence and commitment to education."

Dr. Weinstein was Professor and Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Medical College of Ohio since 1992 as he held the position of Treasurer of Associated Physicians of MCO Inc., Toledo, Ohio, from 1998 to 2002. In addition, he was Director of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Toledo Hospital, from 1993 to 1999. Dr. Weinstein is now a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and a member of the Association of Professors of Gynecology/Obstetrics and the Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

Dr. Weinstein has been awarded more than two dozen research grants and is author of nearly 125 publications. Among his many professional memberships are: American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Association of Professors of Gynecology/Obstetrics, Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

Dr. Weinstein serves as Associate Editor, UPDATE, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists from 2002 to present; and has served as board member from 1996-2002. He has been published in leading journals including Obstetrics and Gynecology, American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Journal of Perinatology, Journal of American Medical Association.

Dr. Weinstein completed his residency and internship at University of Colorado Medical Center, Denver, Colorado, 1976. He holds a fellowship in Maternal Fetal Medicine at the University of Arizona in Tucson, from 1979 to 1981. He earned his MD, at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, in 1972, and a BS at Bates College in 1968. Dr. Weinstein is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and is Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

Dr. Weinstein can be reached at 215-955-5577.
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SPECIAL EVENTS

• Activities Office, Annual Student Awards Banquet at 8 p.m., 139 JAH. For more information, call 215-955-2676.

REligious Services

• Friday, Jan. 9: Multifaith Midday Prayer Service, noon, 139 JAH. For more information, call 215-955-2444.

• Saturday, Jan. 10: In Shabbat with Rabbi Dr. John Kliman, 9 a.m., 139 JAH. For more information, call 215-955-2828.

• Saturday, Jan. 10: Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m., 306 Scott. For more information, call 215-503-7743.

• Friday, Jan. 16: All-Muslim Thanksgiving Prayer Service, noon, 139 JAH. For more information, call 215-955-2828.

• Sunday, Jan. 18: Shabbat Kodesh, 5 to 8 p.m., 139 JAH. For more information, call 215-955-2828.

• Monday, Jan. 19: Martin Luther King Jr. Morning Prayer Service, 8 a.m., 139 JAH. For more information, call 215-955-2828.

• Thursday, Jan. 22: Martin Luther King Jr. Day Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m., 306 Scott. For more information, call 215-503-7743.

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