Hospital Celebrates 126th Year with Gala Event

The Farbens accepting the Award of Merit from Thomas J. Lewis, hospital President and CEO.

Dr. Albert, with Dr. Rothman accepting the hospital's Achievement Award from Mr. Lewis.

Phyllis Nangle, Director of Special Events, Hospital Development Office, with Mrs. Farber and her daughter Ellen.

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital celebrated 126 years of service to the Greater Philadelphia community with an Anniversary Gala at the Philadelphia Marriott.

To mark the occasion, orthopaedic surgeon Richard H. Rothman, MD, PhD, received the hospital’s Achievement Award in Medicine, and Vickie and Jack Farber received the hospital’s Award of Merit.

Gala Honorary Chair was Mrs. Walter H. Annenberg. The dinner co-chairs: Ina Brind, Barbara and Dr. Todd Albert and Suzanne and James Kansnak.

“This is an opportunity to recognize these individuals for their contributions in helping to make Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and the Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience centers of excellence in the region and nation,” said Dr. and Mrs. Albert.

City Fire Chief Ralph Halper Receives Fourth Annual ‘Art Blackshaw Award for Courage’

At The International Conference on Terrorism, for his more than quarter-century work as a first responder, Chief Ralph Halper, Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia, at left, receives the Fourth Annual ‘Art Blackshaw Award for Courage’ from Edward Jasper, MD, FACEP, conference program director and Director of Jefferson Hospital’s Center for Bioterrorism and Disaster Preparedness. Chief Halper’s acceptance: “I do not stand alone in receiving this award. I am pleased to accept... in recognition of all of our [the audience of 600 healthcare and emergency response professionals]’ work in domestic preparedness.” The award was created in memory of Mr. Blackshaw, a certified registered nurse anesthetist at Jeff, a Naval Reserve Fleet Hospital nurse corps commander and a veteran of the Gulf War.

Volunteer Services Helps Bring Holiday Cheer

The generosity of Jeffersonians literally spills over into Volunteer Services every December during the Salvation Army Stockings for Kids program.

“In addition to the stocking drive, we are appealing to staff to help with a food drive and to connect us with caring groups,” says Patricia Wallace, Program Director.

“Patients enjoy music groups from the most professional to the simplest home-grown. One year, an employee brought his karaoke player. We had patients, family members and even nurses joining the singing, causing much laughter and fun.”

Local food cupboards need to be stocked more than usual this year and many needy families are being turned away. “Individuals and departments who’ve never participated before will find this gift exchange to be very meaningful. When I take the stockings to the North Broad St. Salvation Army, the staff is always shocked by the amount we collect. We’ve probably collected enough toys to cover the entire Atrium in the last few years,” says Ms. Wallace.

You can pick up stockings in Volunteer Services, 2180 Gibbon, also the drop-off point for both the stockings and the food drive. For more information or to suggest a singing group, call 215-955-6222.

Jefferson Awards Lennox K. Black International Prize to Renowned British Biologist

Pioneering vascular biologist Salvator Moncada, MD, PhD, University College, London, was presented the Lennox K. Black International Prize for Excellence in Medicine from Robert L. Barchi, MD, PhD, University President. The Prize recognizes the importance of international communication in scientific discovery and the advance of medicine. It was awarded during the 3rd Lennox K. Black Symposium.

Dr. Moncada was instrumental in the last several decades in improving our understanding of the role of nitric oxide in the cardiovascular system. He and his colleagues helped explain in part how the cardiovascular system adapts to a heavier workload during pregnancy, and perhaps why premenopausal women are protected against heart disease.

The Lennox K. Black International Prize is designed to bring global leaders in biomedical research to Jefferson to foster their interaction with faculty experts, and is a major contribution to Jefferson’s overall global initiative which encourages the exchange of ideas and information in medical education, research and clinical care.

The 3rd Lennox K. Black Symposium, titled “Translational Aspects of Cardiovascular Regulation,” held in conjunction with the award presentation, featured a distinguished group of speakers presenting some of the latest basic and clinical cardiovascular research in such areas as ion channel disorders, genomics and the development of stem cell repair therapies for heart problems.

Walter J. Koch, PhD, W.W. Smith Professor of Medicine and Director of the Center for Translational Medicine in the Department of Medicine, introduced Dr. Moncada. Dr. Koch chaired the Symposium planning committee.

Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience Holds Open House

Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience’s (JHN) recent Open House featured the area’s only Novalis® Shaped Beam Surgery™ technology for sophisticated stereotactic radiosurgery and radiotherapy. This leading-edge treatment for brain tumors is a joint program of the Departments of Neurosurgery and Radiation Oncology. Guests toured Radiosurgery, Gamma Knife and Interventional Neuroradiology Suites.

Happy Holidays

Friday, December 24, and Friday, December 31, are Official University Holidays for Christmas and New Year’s Day. Sundown, Tuesday, December 7, Hannukah begins. Sunday, December 26, Kwanzaa begins.
Weather Emergencies . . . Know Your Status, Call 1-800-858-8806

Early November was marked by balmy, spring-like weather, but within little more than a week overnight temperatures had dipped close to freezing. It remains to be seen which of those two extremes will prove the more accurate predictor of the winter season ahead.

“We must be prepared for whatever may develop,” says Brian P. Bowie, Associate Vice President for Human Resources. He adds, “After several mild winters, the blizzard two years ago was a vivid reminder of the challenging weather conditions which can confront the Delaware Valley.”

Some important points from Jefferson’s weather emergency policy:

• Department Heads will advise all faculty and employees of their status as either “designated” or “nondesignated” personnel.
• Designated personnel are required to report in the event of a declared weather emergency. Absences of designated personnel during a weather emergency are without pay, but are not charged to an employee’s lost-time rate under the attendance policy.
• Nondesignated personnel, while expected to make every effort to report as scheduled, may use a vacation or personal day if transportation or other weather-related problems result in lost time during a weather emergency.
• A toll-free Jefferson hotline, 1-800-858-8806, will provide complete weather-emergency information. Similar information will be available through the Jefferson Pulse campus portal.
• Students can also obtain weather-emergency information from the hotline. The dean of each academic division will decide about class cancellation. Scheduled classes for MD and PhD students will take place regardless of weather conditions. All third- and fourth-year medical students are expected to report for their scheduled clinical assignments.

Anyone with questions about the policy may contact the Office of Employee Relations at 215-503-7758.

The Clowns Are Coming! The Clowns Are Coming!

Every Thursday, “Dr. Hugga Babbe,” at left, and “Dr. Curly Babbe” volunteer to visit patients and staff, cheering all with their unique blend of caring and humor. Look for the “Caring Clowns” during their visits and your heart will be warmed too, especially during the coming holiday season.

“Dr. Hugga Babbe,” aka Mrs. Aviva Gorstein, practices as a “hug specialist,” and “Dr. Curly Babbe,” aka Mrs. Esther Gushner, pursues a specialty of “smileologist.”

BBRN Visited, Can JCAHO Be Far Behind?

As part of our JCAHO continuous survey readiness efforts, BBRN consultants, from left, Willie Johnson, Betty Baxter and Shirley Hoskins visited the hospital last month. Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals will welcome the representatives of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). All staff and employees understand the importance of the JCAHO survey and know that the standards set forth by JCAHO clearly foster safe, high-quality care.

Office of Institutional Advancement Launches New Website

A completely redesigned website for Thomas Jefferson University’s Office of Institutional Advancement at www.jefferson.edu/jeffgiving offers many choices and possibilities for faculty, staff and friends who want to learn more about how they can support Jefferson both now and in the future. The new website includes:

• A secure way to make an immediate gift with your credit card.
• A video presentation about Jefferson’s rich history and legacy of donor support.
• Extensive information about planned gifts – bequests, gift annuities, and more.
• GiftTree® – an interactive program to guide you in choosing the best ways to give.
• Printable documents with in-depth information.
• A Donor’s Bill of Rights.
• Our donors – how and why they support Jefferson.
• An easy way to request a personal illustration of how different types of planned giving vehicles can work to your benefit.
• A photo directory of the Office of Institutional Advancement staff.
• A gift calculator that shows how a gift to Jefferson offers income and tax advantages.

We hope you will visit the site often, as new information will be added on a regular basis. Consider making www.jefferson.edu/jeffgiving a “favorite” on your computer. For more information about the website, contact Christine Barabasz, Director of Donor Relations, at 215-558-9029 or e-mail her at christine.barabasz@jefferson.edu

In Memoriam

The Jefferson community mourns the deaths of two distinguished former faculty members.

William Fraimow, MD

William Fraimow, MD, died at 78 after a brief illness. As Associate Professor of Medicine at Jefferson Medical College and a fixture in the Student and Employee Health Service, Dr. Fraimow’s healing skills touched the lives of thousands during four decades of a distinguished career at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, where he practiced both internal medicine and pulmonary medicine. He was a gifted teacher and exemplary role model for hundreds of medical students and residents. Contributions may be made to Har Zion Temple or to the Delaware Valley Stoke Council, 1528 Walnut Street, Suite 523, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

Elmer H. Funk Jr., MD

Elmer H. Funk Jr., MD, died at 82. Like his late father, Elmer H. Funk, MD, a distinguished pulmonary medicine specialist who was Jefferson’s first Medical Director and Physician-in-Charge of the Department for Diseases of the Chest (1913-1926), Dr. Funk earned his medical degree at Jefferson Medical College (JMC) and served a term as President of the Jefferson Alumni Association. He was an Assistant Professor of Medicine at JMC, where he established a clinical pharmacology unit. Dr. Funk also worked one day a week in the family medicine clinic at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, where he was popular with patients. He retired in 1990. In 1998, he received the Cristol Award from the Philadelphia Medical Society. Memorial donations can be made to the Jefferson Medical College Alumni Association, 1020 Locust Street, Room M41, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Hosting Jordanian Fulbright Scholar

The Center for Apoptosis Research at the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson is hosting Fulbright Scholar Dr. Ibrahim Mahmoud Ibrahimi, Professor, Biological Sciences, University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan, for the academic year 2004-05.

With his grant at Jefferson, Dr. Ibrahimi will be conducting research at the guidance of Enad Ahmed, PhD, Professor and Deputy Director, Center for Apoptosis Research.

This year, about 800 faculty and professionals from abroad received Fulbright grants to come to the United States, primarily as researchers. A similar number of United States faculty and professionals received awards to lecture or conduct research abroad.

The Fulbright Scholar Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State.

Come to University Choir Concert December 10

The Thomas Jefferson University Choir’s winter concert will feature a performance of J.S. Bach’s Magnificat with other music of the season. A full orchestra will accompany the choir which consists of students, nurses, physicians, employees, spouses and other members of the Jefferson family.

The free concert Friday, December 10, at 8 p.m. at St. Luke and the Epiphany Church, 330 South 13th St., Philadelphia, marks the choir’s 53rd season. Call 215-790-5195 or $15.

Hwyda Arafat, MD, PhD, Awarded Diabetes Trust Foundation Research Grant

Hwyda Arafat, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Pathology, Anatomy and Cell Biology, Jefferson Medical College, has received one of seven research grants awarded by the Diabetes Trust Foundation’s Medical and Scientific Review Committee to researchers and scholars across the United States to further the study and research of diabetes.

Dr. Arafat’s grant is titled “Cytoprotection of the Pancreatic Islets by Gene Therapy.”

To learn more, visit www.diabetestrustfoundation.org
Jefferson Neuroscientists Studying New Type of Alzheimer’s Drug Aimed at Halting Disease Progression

Neuroscientists at the Farber Institute for Neurosciences at Thomas Jefferson University are testing a new type of drug that they hope will halt progression of Alzheimer’s disease in patients.

The new drug, called Alzhemed, attacks amyloid, the protein substance that accumulates in the brains of Alzheimer’s disease patients. The buildup of amyloid and the formation of tangles and plaques in the brain are thought to be major causes of the mind-robbing ravages of Alzheimer’s disease.

The researchers are led by Barry Rovner, MD, Director of Clinical Alzheimer’s Disease Research at the Farber Institute, and Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology at Jefferson Medical College (JMC), and Samuel Gandy III, MD, PhD, Director of the Farber Institute and Professor of Neurology and Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, JMC.

Drs. Rovner and Gandy will lead the Jefferson participation in a multicenter clinical trial to examine the effectiveness of Alzhemed. The trial is scheduled to last 18 months, and will enroll about 950 Alzheimer’s patients with a mild-to-moderate form of the disease. About 50 centers in the United States and 20 in Canada will participate. Jefferson will enroll approximately 15 patients.

Currently available medications treat only disease symptoms, explains Dr. Rovner. Alzhemed is designed to act differently.

“What’s exciting about Alzhemed is that it works directly on the amyloid protein,” says Dr. Rovner. Alzhemed is being investigated as a “disease-modifying” medication, he notes, with the objective to change the disease.

“The hope is that it stabilizes the course of the disease, modifying its progression,” Dr. Rovner says. “It’s aimed at what is thought to be the central problem in the disease – the buildup of protein in the brains that disrupts its message system.”

There currently is no effective medication to treat Alzheimer’s, which affects more than 4.5 million people in the United States alone, a figure expected to triple as the population ages. The disease gradually destroys memory and the ability to think.

Jefferson Postdoctoral Association (JPA) Founded

The Jefferson Postdoctoral Association (JPA) was inaugurated with a barbecue dinner meeting in Jefferson Alumni Hall attended by 200 faculty member, an official holiday, a tip to make life better for our employees or photos of Jefferson events there are several ways for Jeffersonians to “be in the know” about important happenings.

Congratulations Big Walkers!

More employees participated in this year’s Big Walk for Little Feet than the total of all walkers last year! Of this year’s total of 576 walkers, 320 were employees. Give yourself a big round of applause because you also helped raise nearly $38,000, a record sum! Proceeds benefit the hospital’s NICU, Transitional Nursery and Labor and Delivery units.

Read All About It in JeffNEWS, JeffThisWeek, JeffToday and Target Quality!

Jefferson wants everyone on campus to know what’s going on – every day, all day long. Accurate information helps all of us do our work better.

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President of Royal College of Physicians to Deliver Robbie Dawn Steel Lecture December 10

Dr. Carol M. Black, President of the Royal College of Physicians and Professor of Rheumatology at the University of Manchester, will present the first annual Robbie Dawn Steel Lecture December 10, 4 p.m., in 101 BLSB.

Dr. Black’s lecture will describe the development of novel and effective treatment for the devastating pulmonary hypertension complication of scleroderma.

Gloria Dawn was a young woman and former patient of Sergio A. Jimenez, MD, The Dorrance H. Hamilton Professor of Medicine and Director of Thomas Jefferson University’s Scleroderma Center, who died from scleroderma and whose parents funded the lecturership. The family resides in Haddonfield, NJ. A biennial lecture, the first was held two years ago.

Professor Jimenez will discuss the Rheumatology Division at 215-503-5042 or email sergio.jimenez@jefferson.edu

BROWN BAG LUNCHES
Lunch and learn lunch box for staff, students and other members of the Jefferson community. The meetings will be every third Wednesday of each month, noon to 1 p.m., 1508 Pavilion. Contact John at jphpfood@jefferson.edu

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Wednesday, December 1
• Women’s Health Source, Thomas Wilson, MD, Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, TJUH, “Evaluation and Management of Hearing Loss,” noon to 1 p.m, 105 BL Gibson. Call 1-800-BFJN-FW.

Thursday, December 2
• Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, Dewayne McGaughy, Biochemistry and Biophysics, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, 10 a.m., Room 101 BL Gibson. Call 1-800-BFJN-FW.

Friday, December 3
• Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, Forum in Research, noon, 707 JH.

Monday, December 6
• Jefferson College of Medicine, Dept. of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology, Medicine/Rheumatology, and Orthopedic Surgery, Peter Lewis, M.D., PhD, Drexel University, “The New Frontier of Treatments and Applications of Ultrasound,” noon, 101 BL Gibson.

Tuesday, December 7
• Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, Bruno Calabretta, MD, “Molecular Mechanisms of Disease Progression in Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia,” 4 p.m., 101 BL Gibson.

Wednesday, December 8
• Radiology, Susan Ord, MD, Professor of Radiology, Hospital of University of Pennsylvania, “MRI Imaging of the Breast: Technique, Interpretation and Indications,” 5 p.m., 1508 Pavilion.

Thursday, December 9
• Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, Paro Ophali, MD, Ontario Cancer Institute, 10 a.m., 101 BL Gibson.

Tuesday, December 21
• Radiology, 5 p.m., 707 JH Main.

FORUM

Wednesday, December 8
• Health Policy, Michael J. Prall, MD, MBA, President and CEO, Malvern Pharmaceuticals, “Biotech/Biopharma: The Future of Women’s Health,” 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 218 Curtis. Call 215-955-2022.

Thursday, December 9
• Medicine, Rebeza Lecture, R. Sanders Williams, MD, Dean of Duke University Medical School, 10 a.m., 105 BL Gibson.

GRAND ROUNDS

Wednesday, December 1

Friday, December 4
• Pediatrics, Elizabeth B. Willer, MD, Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry and Pediatrics, University of Pennsylvania, Viet–Chien, Psychiatry, CHOP, “Depression in Children and Adolescents,” 7:30 a.m., 105 BL Gibson.

Friday, December 11
• Pediatrics, Elizabeth B. Willer, MD, Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry and Pediatrics, University of Pennsylvania, “The Use of Antidepressants in the Treatment of Depression in Children,” 7:30 a.m., 105 BL Gibson.

Wednesday, December 15
• Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, Patricia Robinson, MD, Medical Oncology, Fox Chase/Temple Cancer Center, “Can Antonio Breast Cancer Update,” 8:30 a.m., G-312 Bodine.

Wednesday, December 15
• Pediatrics, Aaron Chidekel, MD, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry and Pediatrics, duPont Hospital for Children, “The Health Effects of Passive Smoking,” 8 a.m., 101 BL Gibson.

Wednesday, December 15
• Lecture Hall, duPont Hospital for Children and 7th fl., JH Jimble Breast Conference Room at 10:30 a.m., duPont Hospital for Children.

Thursday, December 16
• Pediatrics, Department Meeting, 8 a.m., G-312 Bodine.

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Wednesday, December 1
• Hospital Christian Fellowship, Brown bag Bible study, 1 to 2 p.m., 302 NOB. Call Robbie Dawn at 215-474-0864.

Saturday, December 4
• Church of the Palisades, 14, 21 and 28. Call 215-296-0827 (pager).

Monday, December 7
• The 2 Chronicles 7:14 prayer group, 6:30 to 6:45 a.m., 4407 Gibbons behind the chapel. Also Mondays, December 13, 20 and 27. Call at 215-680-7546

Wednesday, December 2
• Klamath Board, 8 a.m., 101 BLSB.

Thursday, December 3
• Interfaith Prayer and Meditation Service, noon, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 330 13th Street, between Pine and Spruce Streets. The service is free and open to the public. Call 215-790-4591 or 790-5194.

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