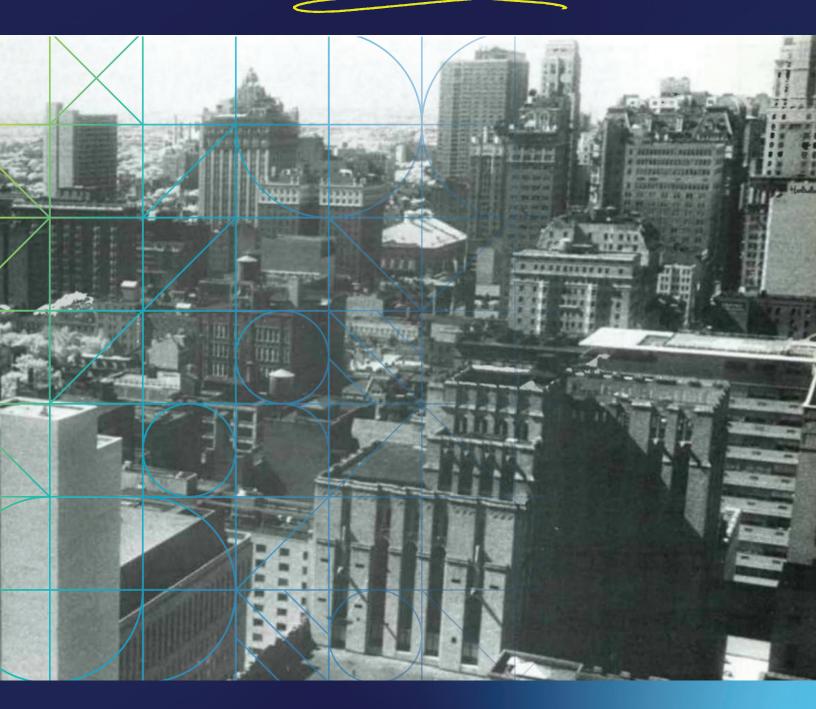


# 50TH ANNIVERSARY **Memory Book**





SIDNEY KIMMEL MEDICAL COLLEGE

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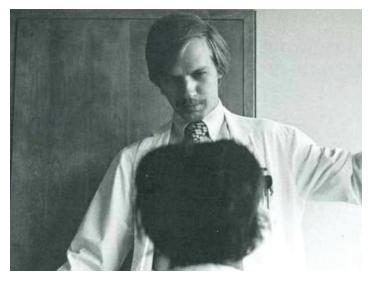


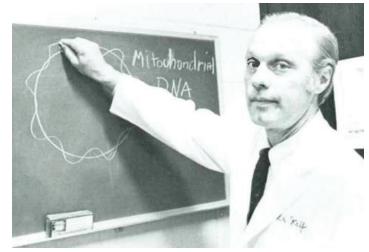
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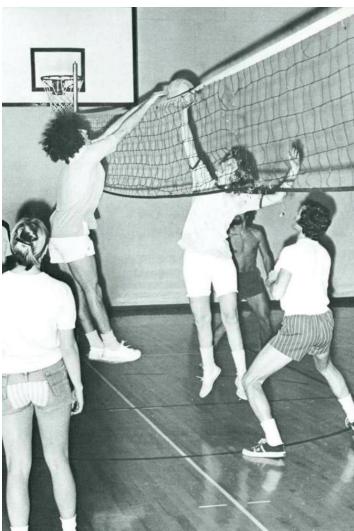


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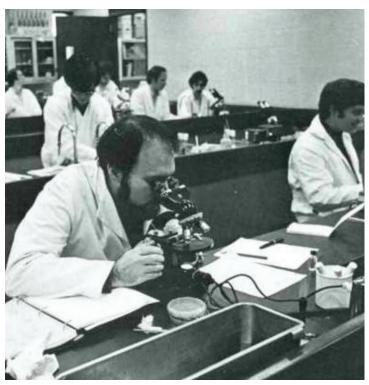


## Necrology









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#### Year in Review

# IN 1974...

Oreos were **\$.45** Gallon of milk **\$.35** Carton of eggs: **\$.78** Gallon of gas **\$.53** 

# The average home cost \$35,900

The average family income was \$10,378

Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth's home run record while playing for the Atlanta Braves.

The Philadelphia Flyers defeated the Boston Bruins in the Stanley Cup.

People Magazine made its debut, with Mia Farrow on the cover.

A new elementary particle psi (now called J) is discovered by Burton Richter of Standford University

A 55 miles-per-hour speed limit was put in place to preserve gas usage nationwide.

## The top television shows were...

All in the Family Sanford and Son Chico and the Man The Jeffersons M\*A\*S\*H Rhoda Good Times The Waltons Maude Hawaii Five-O

#### The top movies were...

The Godfather Part 2 Chinatown The Towering Inferno Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia A Woman Under the Influence Young Frankenstein Earthquake Alice in the Cities Lenny The Parallax View

#### The top songs were...

"The Way We Were" by Barbra Streisand "Seasons in the Sun" by Terry Jacks "Come and Get Your Love" by Redbone "Dancing Machine" by The Jackson 5 "The Loco-Motion" by Grank Funk Railroad "Bennie and the Jets" by Elton John "One Hell of a Woman" by Mac Davis

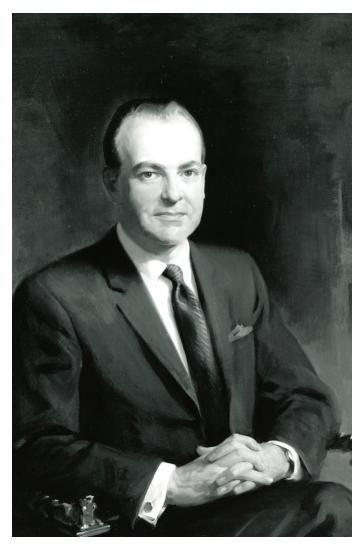
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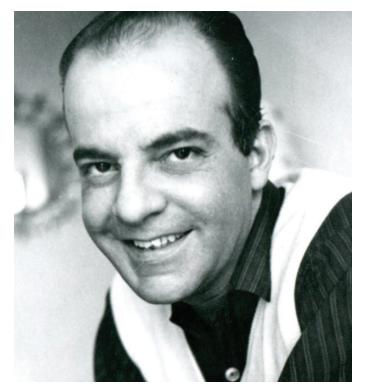




#### In Loving Memory of Dr. Gonzalo Aponte



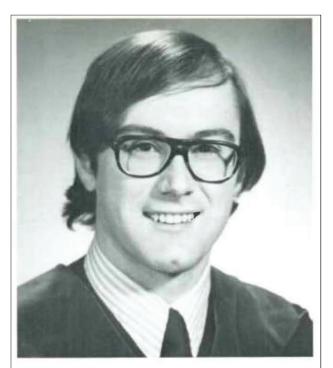
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Above is a a letter Robert B. Jeffrey, M.D. '74 received from Dr. Aponte after he recieved an "A" on his pathology exam.

"The fact that he would write such a lovely letter to a lowly medical student is an indication of just what a fine individual he was and how much he cared about medical education." - Robert B. Jeffrey, M.D. '74

#### Ward G. Becker, MD



WARD BECKER, M.D. Valley View, Pennsylvania Phi Alpha Sigma, Intrafraternity Sports, Intrafraternity Council Member (1972) Married Linda Reitz, 1973 Family Practice

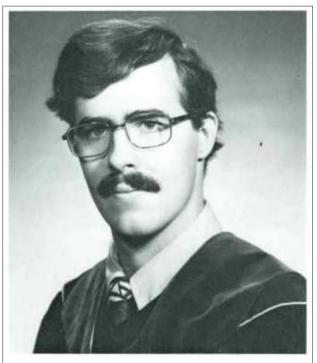


I lived at the Phi Alpha Sigma fraternity (313 S. 10th Street) freshman and sophomore years. - I would definitely choose medicine again and felt I had great education and experience at Jefferson. My closest friends were Alan Roberts, Ernie Yim, Ray Hauser, and Larry Leichter. I did a Family Medicine Residency at The Reading Hospital and Medical Center from 1974-1977. I practiced Family Medicine with Ray Hauser from 1977-1982 before switching specialties to Geriatric Medicine (GM), which we practiced together from 1982-2006. After that I was solo practitioner until 2022 when I retired. Ray and I were first geriatricians in Berks County. We taught Geriatric Medicine rotation for FM residents from Reading Hospital from 1984-2005, then GM rotation for Nurse Practitioner students from 2017-2020. I have been mentoring High Students interested in healthcare since 2019.

My hobbies are reading, jogging, and lifting weights. I have been married for past 51 years and we have two children and two grandchildren. My wife and I live in Kutztown, PA where we have lived for past 47 years. We have travelled throughout the U.S. and favorite places were on West Coast. I have been back to Jefferson several times, the las time being two years ago.

Dr. Aponte was my favorite faculty member. I appreciated his well organized teaching methods. I remember a fellow student asking him how long we should spend looking at microscopic slides of tissues. He responded by saying keep at until you are too tired and then rest and come back to lab and start looking again.

#### John Samuel Joseph Brooks, Jr., M.D.



JOHN S.J. BROOKS, JR., M.D. Chester Heights, Pennsylvania ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, B.S. Married Brighid Dougherty, 1969 Pathology



I completed my Pathology Residency at The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP) from 1974-1978. I was hired back at HUP July 1979; I quickly became Full Professor in 1988. In 1993, I became Chair of Pathology at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo until 2002. From 2004 to 2020, I was Chair of Pathology at Pennsylvania Hospital; I always enjoyed teaching residents and Fellows. I was on the Editorial Boards of five Pathology journals, Editor of the International Journal of Surgical Pathology for 10 vears, and have written 190 publications, 80 Chapters-270 total publications; & 2 books, 3 Genealogy books. My publications cited in the medical literature >9,000 times (>98% of all physicians). President of 3 Pathology Societies & elected Fellow of Roval College of Pathologists. I have visited over 25 countries as lecturer, gave 199 Invited Lectures at national & international meetings. For 19 years named "Top Doc" in Phila; proud to be Co-Founder of the Sarcoma Foundation - raising \$25 million for sarcoma research. I do genealogy research & have 8 grandchildren.

I am sad that I can not attend the 50th Jefferson Class of 1974 Reunion. Recently, I was given a Retirement Party at Univ. of Pennsylvania; with my updated biography. Suffice it to say Jefferson had a major effect on my career choice, especially Dr Aponte whose course showed me that I was meant to be a pathologist. I hope all my classmates have a wonderful time.

#### Barbara (Frajola) Atkinson, MD



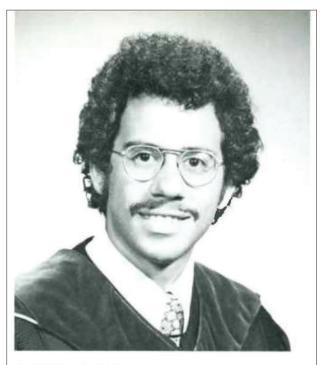
BARBARA F. ATKINSON, M.D. Columbus, Ohio COLLEGE OF WOOSTER, B.A. Alpha Omega Alpha, Representative to Master Planning Committee Married G. William Atkinson, M.D., 1964



I was married when I started and lived at home with my husband Bill Atkinson and my 2 children Nancy, 4 years old and George, 5 years old. Carla Goepp, MD was our best friend. We lived in West Mt Airy and went to our cabin in Vermont on weekends in the summer. Bill and I just celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary. We spend winters in Las Vegas and summers at a lake in Kansas City where we get to spend time with both of our grandchildren.

I graduated from Thomas Jefferson School of Medicine in 1974. I did my pathology and Laboratory medicine residency at University of Pennsylvania from 1974-1978. I then stayed on the faculty until 1987 as the director of Cytopathology when I went to Medical College of Pennsylvania as chair of pathology. I was the founding dean of the Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV in Las Vegas, Nevada. Previous to that was dean of medicine and executive vice chancellor of the University of Kansas Medical Center campus. I'm a life trustee and a past president of the American Board of Pathology. I was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 1997, and from 2010 -2017 was appointed by President Barack Obama to the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues. Currently I'm proud to be working as the physician medical liaison for NHBC in Las Vegas.

#### Steve Gordin, MD

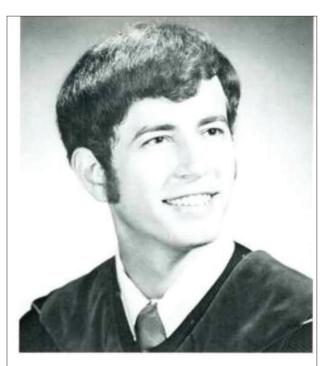


I was in clinical practice for 15 years, then transitioned into medical administration roles. I have been retired since 2019. I currentlt live in Philadelphia and have been married for 49 years. My son is a head and neck surgeon in Dallas, Texas. I have two grandchildren.

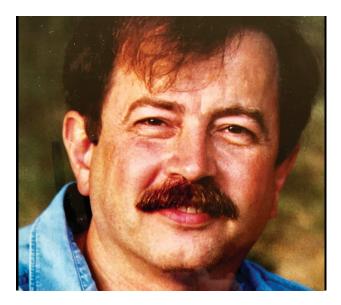
STEPHEN J. CORDIN, M.D. Havertown, Pennsylvania URSINUS COLLEGE, B.S.



#### Bradley R. Hoch, MD



BRADLEY R. HOCH, M.D. Shippensberg, Pa. PENN STATE UNIVERSITY, B.S. Hare Society, Pediatrics Society Married Carolyn Kay Melton, 1971 Pediatrics

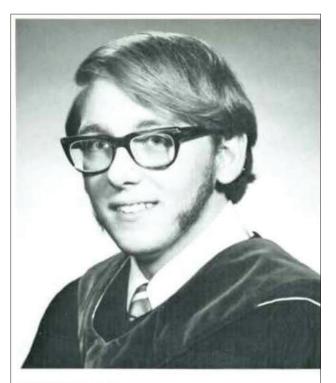


I remember my admission interview with Dr. Carl Mansfield, Nuclear Medicine, ... telling him I didn't have a dime for medical school. Two weeks before entering Jeff, two letters came in the mail. One was for a loan for half the amount that I needed, the second was a scholarship for the other half. Thank you, Carl.

I formed life-long friendships with Jimmy Kessel and Vinnie Pelligrini on the fourth floor of Nu Sig. I remember the first day of anatomy lab. Ramrod straight, gray-haired, mustached Dr. A.J. Ramsay, head of the Department of Anatomy, quizzed me. He told me that my patient was bleeding to death, that I could save him if I knew how. He walked away, saying: "Doctor, eventually all bleeding stops." I remember cramming for an anatomy quiz, reviewing my cadaver. There I sat, alone in the large lab room with fifty dead humans as the clock struck midnight. When I looked around, I thought, what is wrong with this picture? I gathered my books and left.

My first day of my senior medicine block. I was assigned to Einstein South, Daroff Division at 5th and Reed Streets in South Philly. The hospital was underfunded and understaffed. I walked into the intensive care unit and was met by the resident on duty. He said: "There is no intern on this service. You are the senior student here. There are eight critically ill patients here. They are all yours. I will be available for any consultation by phone." And he walked out the door. That unit is where I grew up. Thank you, Jeff!

#### James W. Kessel, MD



JAMES WHITE KESSEL, M.D. Ripley, W. Va. WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY, B.A. Nu Sigma Nu (Secretary) Married Nancy Jo Mick, 1973



Wow! 50 years! That's hard to imagine but looking at my aging and sagging body I believe it to be true. I can't think of Jeff without also thinking of Philly. My grandfather and father were Jeff graduates and in Family Practice. Delivery and T&A were the main surgical parts of their practice. Going from a car, to a 4 wheel drive, to horseback for a home delivery made a large impression on me. From an early age I knew I wanted to be a doctor of some sort, now sure what, but for sure wanted to go to Jeff. When it came time to apply I only applied to two schools; Jeff and a state school. That was probably not a smart move, but it worked.

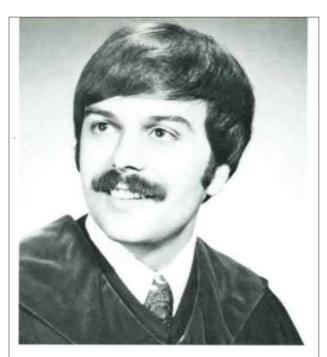
Going from a town of 3000, to a city of 4 million was eye opening to say the least. The story I most fondly remember was a beautiful fall morning. Frank Kucer and I left Nu Sigma Nu headed to class. Walked out of the door and down the steps when I quickly came to a stop. The sidewalks were dry but the street was dripping water. I asked Frank if the clouds were so narrow they only rained on the street. After some laughter he told me the street department had washers that sprayed water as well as swept.

Vince Pellegrini and Brad Hoch were suite mates (4th floor garret) and we are still in contact today. Vince's story of our fire escape reminded me of one day. I had awakened from a deep sleep nap and had gone to our little garret window for a wake up cigarette. Heard a lot noise and people yelling at me and pointing to my right. There was smoke pouring out of next door house. I skipped the knotted rope and ran down the 4 flights of stairs. No injures and minimal damage.

Lastly Dr. Aponte. What a teacher and advocate for anatomy. I still see him sharply dressed and hear his voice: "Ideo-Pathic-Thrombo-Cytopenic-PUR-POREREHEA

I am sorry I won't be able to see you all. Know that you are missed and I think of the Class of '74 fondly. I wish you all the best!

#### Frank Thomas Kucer, MD

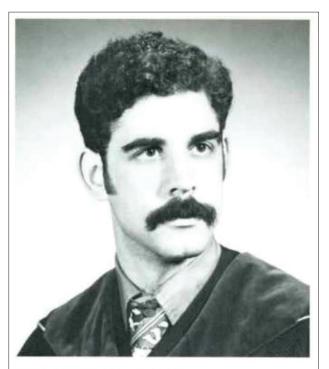


FRANK T. KUCER, M.D. Butler, Pa. GROVE CITY COLLEGE Gibbon Surgical Society, Hare Medical Society, Family Physicians Society, Nu Sigma Nu (Treasurer), Kappa Beta Phi (Treasurer) Married Kathleen Balshi, 1973 Family Practice



During an anatomy lab, I vividly recall querying Dr. Shea as to what page in Gray's Anatomy I may find an illustration of the location of the soul... Well, I not only found my soul at Jefferson; I also found my soul*mate*! I have been so privileged and blessed to have had the Jefferson experience impact my life. Thanks for the memories...

#### Michael H. LeWitt, MD

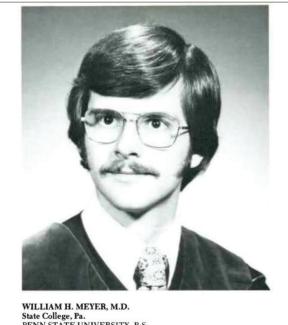


MICHAEL HERMAN LEWITT, M.D. West Hartford, Conn. LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, B.A. Phi Delta Epsilon (Rush Chairman), IFC Rush Chairman, Senator, National Delegate Emergency Room Medicine

I trained in medicine at Misericordia, along with a number of my classmates. After my time there, I began my working career in Occupational Medicine atFMC Corporation, and later at US Steel, in Bucks county. I got married while there, and, 45 years later, am still married to Lynne Rubin LeWitt, a lawyer and realtor. What followed for my career were a number of Emergency Medicine positions, in and around Philadelphia, with some Occupational Medicineas a part-time adjunct. I was a founding member of two EM residencies, and taught for most of my career. I retired in 2015 to travel a bit more, pick up the hobby of woodworking, and enjoy visiting with my three adult children, and one daughter-in-law. Jefferson gave me a solid foundation in clinicalmedicine, and an interest in pursuing knowledge. Academically, I wrote a number of papers, including an early one on latex allergy, edited a book on diagnostic testing for Occupational Physicians, wrote some chapters in books, and got a Master's in Public Health. Like many who look back on their lives, I am amazed at how quickly the time has passed, but feel that I have done some good in making the world a better place.



#### William H. Meyer, MD

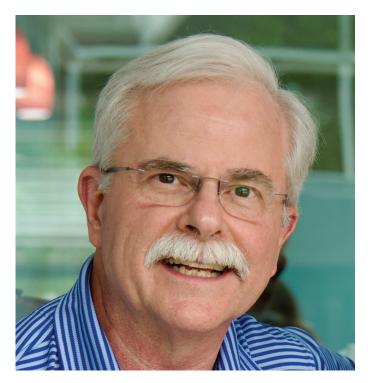


State College, Pa. PENN STATE UNIVERSITY, B.S. Alpha Kappa Kappa, Jefferson Choir Pediatrics

As one of the Penn State/Jefferson five-year program students, I moved to Philadelphia at 18 to begin my Jefferson years. This was a challenging period of personal and professional growth for our group, and for the older, sometimes not always accepting, traditional medical students. I discovered pediatrics during my third-year rotation at Wilmington Hospital; this would be my career choice.

During my years at Jefferson, I joined the choir, mostly as the piano accompanist, and did a few concerts accompanying the baritone voice of Robert T. Sataloff '75. The other Bill Meyer in our class (William A. Meyer, Jr.) taught me to appreciate fine food and great wine; we shared many wonderful times at Rehoboth Beach, many great dinners and my first bottle of Chateau Lafite Rothschild.

My Pediatrics residency was at the Wilmington Hospital. Initially I anticipated a career as a general pediatrician, however during my residency it became clear that I was most excited about complicated medical problems and caring for challenging, ill children. Ultimately, I elected to specialize in pediatric hematology/oncology and spent the next three years in fellowship training at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. My first faculty position was at the University of Virginia as an assistant professor in Pediatrics. I was active in laboratory investigation and clinical care. After three years, I moved to Memphis, TN in 1983, where I joined the faculty at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. At St. Jude I had opportunities to lead the solid tumor service and become a vice chair in the Department of Oncology.

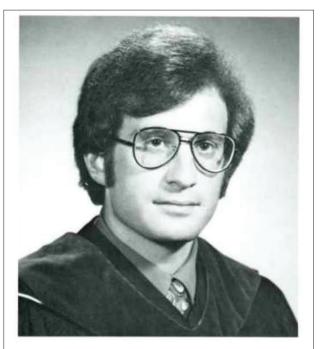


I met my wife Irma during my residency, and we married in 1978 while we were in Baltimore. We have been blessed with three great kids.

In 1997, I was recruited to Oklahoma City where I filled the Ben Johnson Endowed Chair and section chief position in the Pediatrics Department at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. This move facilitated opportunities for leadership roles in the Children's Oncology Group (COG), including leading the Soft Tissue Sarcoma Committee, serving on the COG executive committee, and several NCI committees. I retired in 2020. For the next two years, I was a consultant to OU Medicine during implementation of a new electronic health record, a position that I could do entirely remotely. I continue to serve on the Data Safety Monitoring Committee for the COG and as an editor for PDQ Cancer Information for Health Professionals.

I have been fortunate to have had wonderful opportunities for travel, both for work and for pleasure, including invited lectureships in Japan, China and Australia and participating in collaborative pediatric sarcoma research with our European colleagues. My wife and I love to cruise and we have also had several wonderful vacations with the Penn State Alumni Association. We continue to live in Edmond ,OK and spend several months each year at our condo in Palm Harbor FL I still play the piano, now only for my own enjoyment, and enjoy travel, golf, photography, fine food and wine. Unfortunately, my wife has become quite ill and I will not be able to join you this year. Best wishes for a great reunion.

#### Steven R. Peikin, MD



STEVEN R. PEIKIN, M.D. Springfield, Pennsylvania TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, A.B. Admissions Committee, Hare Society, Alpha Omega Alpha President, Class Vice-President, Student Council, Co-Editor 1974 Clinic Roche, Lange, Pathology Awards Married Vivian Benz, 1968 Internal Medicine



Fifty years past medical school I'm still seeing patients part time and performing endoscopic procedures. I seem to enjoy medicine/GI and have enough time for travel, golf, tennis, cricket, reading. Why give up things you're good at for things you're bad at?

I have 3 grown children and am a new grandfather. After 2 marriages, I've been engaged to Amy Spicer for the past 8 years. She's definitely a keeper.

After leaving Jefferson, I trained at UCSF, NIH and MGH. I took my first "real job" back at Jefferson and stayed on the faculty 12 years until moving to Cooper University Health Care as head of GI.

Jefferson is a great institution and I am proud to have been part of it. The education we received was top notch and launched our careers. My favorite professor was Dr. Aponte and I'm so glad our class is endowing a scholarship in his honor. I look forward to seeing my classmates in October.

Even if you can't make the 50th, please consider contributing to our class gift before the end of the year.

#### Vincent A. Pellegrini, MD



#### Hi Folks,

I am very excited to partake in our 50th Year Reunion! I began my time at Jefferson living in the Nu Sigma Nu house. I shared the front, top floor room with Jim Kessel. Although we were four stories above Spruce Street, we felt quite safe as there was a rope with multiple knots tied to the radiator to throw out the window in case of fire!

I made great friends at Nu Sig that first year, including Jim, Brad Hoch, Frank Kucer, Jim Plumb, John Cattie and Bruce Silver, among others. Who remembers the "blueberry" pancakes? My four years at Jefferson were so hard but extremely rewarding and memorable for me. I have returned for many Reunions but none as special as this one.

I completed my OB/GYN residency at Lankenau Hospital then headed to Reading, PA where I joined a large private practice situated at the Reading Hospital and Medical Center. I stayed in this one practice for 40 years until retiring in June 2018. This was a perfect match for me and very gratifying. I was able to develop a large infertility and endocrine practice while starting one of the Nation's first private practice IVF programs in 1986. The practice was very supportive of me pursuing the privilege of being significantly involved in the leadership of the Obstetrical Society of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Area Reproductive Endocrine Society leadership along with the national American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists organization for much of my time in practice.

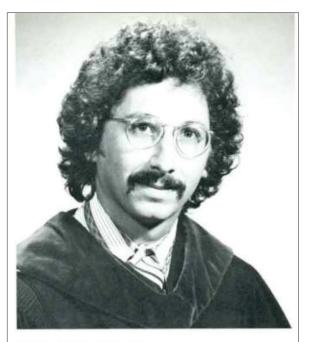
I was even able to carve out time to coach several baseball teams over 8 years. I was President of the practice for my last 19 years.

I married my dream girl, Susie Mocey, in December of our second year. The next summer, we spent 6 weeks in Glasgow, Scotland with several other Nu Sig brothers doing a Cardiology/Neurology rotation at The Royal Infirmary of Glasgow. This was a Nu Sig tradition. Susie and I are coming up on 53 wonderful years of marriage. We were blessed with our children, Cara and Luke, and two grandchildren, Lucia and Emile. Cara followed in medicine and is an Electrophysiologist in San Francisco while Luke is nearby doing his own thing.

Since retirement, I have been able to really concentrate on my photography. I began this interest way back in 1966 and carried that into medical school. I was fortunate enough to gain access to the amazing darkroom of Jefferson's Anatomy Department which enabled me to develop my skills at black and white printing. I shot a number of the images for the Clinic yearbooks during our second and third years at Jefferson. For senior year, most of the candid shots and all of the color images in the 1974 Clinic were mine. That project was exciting for me then and still brings me joy when I review the Clinic before each reunion. I have been honored to have the second solo art show in Jefferson's new Rieders Alumni Art Gallery this Fall. Hopefully, you will get a chance to view my work over the Reunion weekend.

I look forward to seeing many old friends, some for the first time since graduation.

#### Michael Podolsky, MD



MICHAEL PODOLSKY, M.D. Wilmington, Delaware WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON COLLEGE, B.A. Alpha Omega Alpha, Intramural Basketball Married Sherry Gottesmann, 1972



I am amazed that 50 years have passed since I was handed my medical diploma at the Academy of Music as a graduate of Jefferson Medical College. I can remember as if it was today, walking into Jefferson Alumni Hall in 1970, a long haired hippy freshman. A Delaware resident at the time, I was admitted as an inaugural member of the DIMER program. It was the start a journey that turned out to be the Keystone of my life.

I define the importance of my life by 3 pillars: family, medicine, and sports. Briefly, I would like summarize each for my Jefferson Family.

Family – As previously mentioned, Jefferson was the keystone of my life, especially with regard to the development of my family. I've told this story a million times as it was so fateful. On the very first day of residency, I scrubbed on my first C-section since I was a student. The first person I met in the OR was the scrub nurse. That nurse is now my wife and we are celebrating our 45th anniversary this year. We are blessed with 3 wonderful children, their spouses, and 2 grandchildren. Our middle daughter graduated from Jefferson in 2005. She is presently Chief of Bariatric Surgery and a Vice Chair of the Department of Surgery at Delray Beach Medical Center in Florida. Since retirement, we are residents of Florida but maintain a residence in Cherry Hill, NJ where we spend our summers.

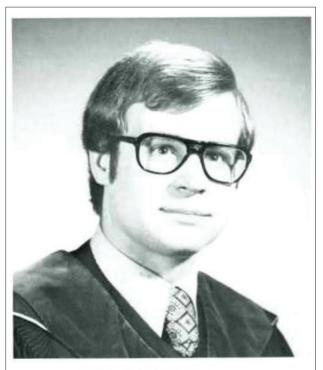
Medicine – After graduation, I completed a year of internal medicine at Boston City Hospital, intending to practice GI. Since I loved both surgery and medicine, I decided to transition to OB/GYN to satisfy both needs. I completed my residency and Gynecologic Oncology fellowship at TJUH, finishing in 1979. I practiced clinical medicine for 22 years at Jefferson, followed by 20 years at Drexel. I retired a full professor of OB/ GYN in 2020. I enjoyed clinical medicine and had a wonderful career. My true passion was always teaching. My goal was to help shape future health professionals to help propagate and protect the future of our noble profession. I still and will always will feel this was my best professional achievement.

Sports – Sports have always been my soma, whether watching or playing. I remain a rabid Philly Sports fan to this day. l am still a dedicated athlete participating in numerous sports on a regular basis

There are so many fond memories that have had a lasting influence on my personal and professional life. I am extremely grateful for the medical degree I received from Jefferson. I can say "With a great degree of medical certainty" Jefferson is one of the greatest medical schools in our country.

I regret that I can not attend our 50th, due to unavoidable conflicts. I was truly looking forward to rekindling fond memories and catching up with my classmates on their lives. I wish all of my classmates and their families good health and happiness.

#### **Robert Wasnick, MD**



ROBERT J. WASNICK, M.D. Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON, B.S. Gibbon Society, Phi Chi. Surgery



50 years is a long time, and it is safe to say "we've all changed a lot" - just look at the yearbook.

I remember a 40th college reunion in 2010, and as I entered the venue, I did not recognize a single soul had I mistakenly entered an extended care facility for the elderly. Everyone looked ancient – certainly not me. But reality set in, and Father Time is often not gentle to septuagenarians and beyond. Hopefully, we will recognize one another as we go down memory lane at our 50th Reunion.

After Jefferson, I gravitated toward Surgery, happened to like Urology and ultimately completed a fellowship in Pediatric Urology. I've had an academic appointment at SUNY at Stony Brook, NY the past 40 years and am still operating on the little kiddos.

Personally, my wife Carla and I just celebrated our 48th wedding anniversary and she has supported my career all the way. We are the proud parents of 2 sons. When Robgraduated Jeff in 2004, both my father (Jeff '44) and myself were in attendance. On that occasion, we had 3 generations of physicians in active practice -as my father remained active until age 86. I am grateful for the start that Jefferson afforded and feel like it was a protracted boot camp the first 2 years, that we all survived. Forged in fire and ready to embark on a truly rewarding career. I look forward to our 50th Reunion and as the most interesting manin the world once said: "Stay thirsty my friends".





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