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This year’s meeting, to be held November 10-12, is a time for our global alumni community to convene in New York City and participate in a robust program of presentations, symposiums and social events.

Thursday afternoon starts with the Fourth Annual HSS Education Leadership Program, moderated by Scott Wolfe, MD, with Allan Okrainec, MDCM, MHPE, FACS, FRSCSC, presenting “Optimizing Surgical Training in Orthopaedic Surgery: The Role of Surgical Simulation and Skill Assessment.” Thursday evening concludes with the annual cocktail reception honoring the accomplishments of HSS Rheumatology and Mary (Peggy) K. Crow, MD, Physician-in-Chief. The reception is an ideal place to network and reconnect.

Friday and Saturday highlights include symposiums on such topics as hip preservation, registries, pathogenic mechanics in osteoarthritis, surgical complications of the infected total knee replacement and a case study of AAOS standards of professionalism regarding expert testimony. Chief Lecturers are Surgeon-in-Chief Pro-Tempore Michael Leunig, MD, who will speak about “Femoroacetabular Impingement: Evaluation and Current Status of Concept.” Leslie J. Crofford, MD, Physician-in-Chief Pro-Tempore, will present “From NSAIDs to Antidepressants: Management of Chronic Musculoskeletal Pain”; and Matthew L. Warman, MD, Chief Scientist Pro-Tempore, will lecture on “Massively Parallel Sequencing: What it is, How it’s Done and When it Will be Used in Clinical Care.”

We will also celebrate our 2011 Distinguished Alumnus, Merrill A. Ritter, MD, and David B. Levine, MD, will conduct a special session on the History of HSS and the Civil War. The Saturday program will conclude with three interesting concurrent sessions—Complications in Spinal Surgery, Physiatry and Transitioning from Training to Practice. A detailed brochure has been mailed to all alumni or please see www.hss.edu/alumni for complete program details to date.

Don’t forget to reserve your spot at the Annual Autumn Benefit, to be held on Friday evening at Guastavino’s, with proceeds vitally supporting the HSS Journal and strategic medical education and alumni initiatives. Consider sponsoring a resident or fellow to attend this special event as well. The popular Late Night by Young Friends of HSS party will immediately follow the gala again this year.

RANKED NO. 1 IN ORTHOPAEDICS, NO. 2 IN RHEUMATOLOGY

In 2011, HSS was again named the top hospital in the nation for orthopaedics and the Division of Rheumatology was ranked No. 2 by U.S. News & World Report in its “America’s Best Hospitals” edition.

While you are here at the annual meeting, please visit our newly opened 10th and 11th floors which house new patient care units. This summer we opened a new Ambulatory Care Center on East 72nd Street and our new building on East 75th Street will soon be ready to house facilities for the physiatry and pain management programs and additional MRI, X-ray and procedure rooms. The Brachial Plexus and Complex Nerve Injury Center, established by Scott Wolfe, MD, is scheduled to open this fall and will be only the third such program in the country. We welcome Steve K. Lee, MD, to the Hand and Upper Extremity Service, who will join Dr. Wolfe in building this endeavor.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Of international interest, the fourth meeting of the International Society of Orthopaedic Centers (ISOC) will be held in October at Clinica Allemana in Chile. In December, HSS will conduct a Knee Replacement Symposium at the Sixth International Congress of the Chinese Orthopaedic Association in Beijing. Planning members include alumni Mathias P. Bostrom, MD, Timothy M. Wright, PhD, Joseph Lipman, MS, and myself.

Please make every effort to return to HSS for our Alumni Meeting. I look forward to seeing many of you in November.
Milestones include the creation of the Class Representative Program, a network now numbering 49 alumni who are instrumental in acting as the voice of their class and keeping fellow alumni updated on class members’ activities. The HSS International Alumni Ambassador Program (IAAP), created in 2009, continues to expand with eight ambassadors in five countries, representing HSS to the international community in a variety of ways.

We have advanced the scope and quality of our alumni publications and expanded content and improved navigation on our dedicated website at www.hss.edu/alumni. The password-protected Alumni Directory is updated frequently and is a useful tool for connecting with your peers. Our newest initiative, the Loansome Doc program, enables dues-paying alumni to request full text of articles from the Kim Barrett Memorial Library through PubMed.

We are working on some exciting new programs that include alumni web access to recorded HSS educational programs, some with CME credit opportunities. I look forward to what the coming years will bring. All of these exciting initiatives of the association require, of course, financial oversight, so the Finance Subcommittee was formed and charged to advise on the strategic use of alumni funds and identify additional funding streams – particularly to ensure specificity, accountability and transparency.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FINANCES

Members of the Committee are listed on the inside front cover of this issue. They met recently and reviewed the 2010 Fiscal Year Status Report. Marc Gould, Vice President, HSS Finance, was invited to discuss Specific Purpose Funds and Endowed Funds. He explained that Specific Purpose Funds are not invested, but are available to cover current program/initiative expenses while Endowed Funds require the principal be maintained intact and invested to create a source of income in accordance with the Hospital’s endowment policies. The Alumni Association currently oversees the following funds:

Endowed Funds

- Georgette “Gigi” Viellion, RN, ONC, Endowed Orthopaedic Nursing Education Scholarship Fund (Est. 2008) provides for a chosen bedside nurse to attend the annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

Specific Purpose Funds

- Alumni Association President Fund established in 2007 by former Alumni President, Gary Gartsman, MD, supports travel to the Alumni Meeting for the association president
- Alumni Association Fund (Est. 2009) gives alumni the opportunity to make a special contribution to HSS in identified priority areas of the Association/Education or an area of their preference
- Alumni Dues Fund (Est. 1986) supports administration of the Association, alumni communications, Annual Alumni Cocktail Reception and Annual Meeting
- Archives Fund (Est. 2003) provides funds for HSS Archives projects

Division of Education & Academic Affairs

Your Alumni Association is only a small part of a highly successful and productive Education & Academic Affairs Division at HSS. Masterly headed by Laura Robbins, DSW, Senior Vice President, Designated Institutional Officer, GME and Associate Scientist, Research Division and ably assisted by Martha O’Brasky, MPA, Assistant Vice President, Education & Academic Affairs, this division is responsible for academic training, professional education and public and patient education.

Academic Training saw significant changes in training of the house staff in 2010. Leading this section is Mathias P. Bostrom, MD, who skillfully serves as Director of Academic Orthopaedics, Residency Program Director and Chair of the Graduate Medical Education Council.

Professional Education facilitated 38 professional activities in 2010 including providing medical education credits for physicians, physical therapists, athletic trainers, certified registered nurse anesthetists and nurse practitioners. The CME Committee, chaired by Charles N. Cornell, MD, reached a number of

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The Alumni Meeting is around the corner. Please plan to come, have some fun and learn something too! Offerings include new topics, debates, symposia and concurrent sessions that will be stimulating for each of us, touching on surgical simulators, hip preservation, drugs in orthopaedics, total ankle, PCL, trauma, ethics, spine, arthroplasty infections, clubfoot treatments among others. The meeting will also include a talk on the history of HSS by David B. Levine, MD, as well as updates from our reunion classes of 1981, 1991 and 2001. Don’t forget the social events!

Renew friendships among faculty, staff and other alumni. Revisit the familiar and see the innovations and additions. Refresh your orthopaedic energy and recharge your curiosity. Return to your origins and be welcomed home. Rebuild connections and expand your network.

I look forward to seeing you as we reflect on where we have been and look ahead at the bright future of orthopaedics! Join us November 10-12, 2011.

There are numerous other professional fliers, programs and reports produced here. Most impressive to me are the multitude of public and patient and professional education publications that come out of this very productive section.

The HSS Journal is also produced within the Division under the direction of Editor-in-Chief Charles N. Cornell, MD. In 2010, each issue reached 19,000 health care professionals, and this year’s publication will increase from two issues to three.

The Education & Academic Affairs Division’s main office is in the Parker House next to the Belaire Building. Education offices are also in the Belaire and main hospital. Don’t forget to visit your Alumni Office in the Parker House that is so efficiently and graciously managed by Colleen O’Shea, MPA, Manager of Alumni Affairs.

If you are looking for my office, it is down the hall, a space only big enough for a telephone, a computer, a shelf and a chair – all of which I am asked to share at times with a college-aged intern and occasionally with a part-time staffer or volunteer. But I am not complaining, as I feel so privileged to be part of an incredible organization with a staff of over 50 – now approaching my ninth year.
Women have practiced medicine since antiquity. Until the mid-nineteenth century, however, women were only able to acquire the M.D. degree through a “fluke,” by passing examinations or pretending to be men. Others simply practiced medicine openly without a degree. On January 23, 1849, Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman in the world to earn an M.D. degree by satisfying the usual requirements of a full course of study from an accredited medical school. She graduated from Geneva Medical College (founded in 1834 and now known as the State University of New York Upstate Medical University) at the very top of her class. Upon accepting her diploma at graduation, she told the dean, “I thank you, kind Sir. It shall be the effort of my life, by God’s blessing, to shed honor on this Diploma.”

Blackwell went on to open The New York Infirmary for Women and Children, later known as the Beekman Downtown Hospital, in 1857 after hospitals across the country refused to hire her. In 1868, Blackwell opened the Women’s Medical College of New York and subsequently closed the school in 1899 after all of her students were transferred to Cornell University Medical College, and after receiving assurance that Cornell University would continue to give equal training to both sexes.

Blackwell’s early supporters are to be recognized for their support of her during an era when doing so meant risking their own careers. In Philadelphia, she studied medicine privately under Dr. Samuel H. Dickson and Dr. Joseph Warrington. Warrington, who obtained his MD in 1828 from the University of Pennsylvania and was a Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, was her most prominent early supporter.

He, along with other liberal Quakers from her circle in Philadelphia, encouraged her and helped her to apply to medical schools.

Austin Flint, a Harvard-educated “force” in American medicine, was a lecturer on the Theory and Practice of Medicine at Geneva Medical College during Elizabeth’s two years in medical school. He also served as President of the New York Academy of Medicine from 1872 to 1885 and President of the American Medical Association in 1884. It is said that one of his most noteworthy achievements was the support of Elizabeth Blackwell. In the February 1849 issue of the Buffalo Medical Journal, Flint published Blackwell’s doctoral dissertation on epidemic louse-borne typhus (“ship fever”).

Just as those who supported Elizabeth Blackwell, many individuals and institutions continue to support and promote women in the field of orthopaedic surgery. One institution which deserves special recognition is Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS).

According to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery (AAOS) 2008 Census, overall, 4.3 percent
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of orthopaedists are female, with the largest proportions found in Vermont (11.5 percent), Maine (9.7 percent), Washington, D.C. (7.6 percent), and Washington (7.5 percent). In New York, the census revealed 4.1 percent of orthopaedists to be female. During this same year, the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) reported that 53 women (13.9 percent) applied in Orthopaedic Surgery. HSS interviewed that 53 women (13.9 percent) applied in that year. One woman matched at HSS, making up 12 percent of that residency class. In 2008, across all five years of the HSS residency program, there were a total of nine women (22.5 percent).

HSS has a long history of setting the bar in this regard. And just as Blackwell had done, the women of HSS have “shed honor” on their diplomas and HSS alike. These women have been notable for their leadership and contributions to the field of orthopaedic surgery.

Drs. Francesca Thompson and Laura Flawn were the first women to graduate from the HSS residency program in 1982. Thompson died of complications after a 10-year battle with multiple myeloma in 1996 at the age of 51. During her shortened life, however, her academic achievements and leadership were renowned. After completing subspecialty training in foot and ankle surgery, she entered private practice in New York City, working at Roosevelt Hospital in association with William Hamilton, MD. She served as a member of the Board of Directors and then as Secretary in the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society. She had been elected Second Vice-President before her death and was named President posthumously. She was also a member of the editorial board of Foot and Ankle International.

Dr. Francesca Thompson’s life truly “stands as a role model for women in orthopaedic surgery.”

Dr. Laura Brooks Flawn began her orthopaedic residency at HSS in 1978. She was respected and beloved by her patients during residency and commanded great respect from HSS staff. Upon graduating in 1982, she continued her training at HSS as a Scoliosis Fellow. At the 1983 Alumni Meeting she won the Philip D. Wilson, MD, Award for the best orthopaedic fellowship paper: “Screening for Occult Spinal Dysraphism in Congenital Scoliosis Using Somatosensory Evoked Potentials.” At the Scoliosis Research Society meeting during that same year, her exhibit on “Three Dimensional Evaluation of Spine Deformities” won the Walter P. Blount Award for best exhibit. She returned to her hometown of Austin, Tex., and grew a successful practice. She was named Chief of Orthopaedics in 1993 at Brackenridge Hospital. Dr. Flawn suffered an untimely death in a head-on automobile collision in Austin in 2001 at the age of 48.

Drs. Cathleen L. Raggio and Joanne R. Werntz were the third and fourth female residents to graduate from HSS in 1984 and 1985, respectively. In 2003, Dr. Raggio was instrumental in establishing the Kathryn O. and Alan C. Greenberg Center for Skeletal Dysplasias, dedicated to the comprehensive medical care of patients with skeletal dysplasias. This center was the first of its kind in New York City. Dr. Raggio has been integrally involved with research through the NIH, which led to the discovery of a sequence of genes in patients with osteogenesis imperfecta, a genetic condition that weakens bones resulting in frequent fractures, and in its most severe form can be fatal. These genes account for a previously unexplained form of osteogenesis imperfecta.

Dr. Joanne R. Werntz completed her residency in 1985. As a result of her basic and clinical research as an HSS resident, Dr. Werntz had 10 presentations at national meetings and co-authored 10 articles and two textbook chapters. She was awarded the Philip D. Wilson, MD, Research Award. She spoke locally to many organizations concerning osteoporosis in the HSS Osteoporosis Community Outreach Program. Dr. Werntz continued further training at HSS and completed a fellowship in Hand and Upper Extremity in 1986. In addition, she trained extensively in microsurgery and replantation for another two years as the Hand Scholar at University of Louisville with Drs. Kleinert and Kutz. Dr. Werntz is currently practicing in Orlando, Fla., where she is an Assistant Professor at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine.

Dr. Roberta Brockman, the fifth female graduate of the residency program, was an accomplished professional singer and pianist and practiced as a hand surgeon in Seattle, Washington. She initially completed a fellowship in pathology at HSS in 1984 prior to focusing her efforts in orthopaedic surgery, graduating in the HSS Resident Class of 1987. Dr. Brockman specialized in musicians’ injuries and was the only such doctor of her kind in Seattle and one of only 15 in the United States. She served on the boards of the Seattle Youth Symphony and a local theater group in addition to the University
of Washington School of Music visiting committee. Brockman passed away in 2000 at her Mercer Island home after a long battle with stomach cancer at the young age of 43.

Dr. Serena S. Hu graduated as an HSS Resident in 1989. She completed subspecialty training in spine surgery at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Los Angeles and spent a year on the faculty at the Twin Cities Scoliosis Center at University of Minnesota before joining the staff at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). In 1999, she participated in the prestigious Scoliosis Research Society (SRS) travelling fellowship. That same year, the orthopaedic residents of UCSF awarded her the “Teacher of the Year” award. In 2004, she served as the interim Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery at UCSF, where she currently holds the title of Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr. Hu serves as Treasurer of the American Orthopaedic Association and was recently named to the David S. Bradford Chair of Spine Surgery.

Dr. Michelle G. Carlson graduated HSS in 1992 and subsequently completed her fellowship training in Hand and Upper Extremity. Throughout her career, she has won several prestigious awards and grants. Notably, she is the founder and director of the Children and Adolescent Hand and Arm (CHArm) Center at HSS. This comprehensive resource facility is dedicated to the treatment, research and education of all children and adolescents affected by hand and arm conditions.

Other notable leadership achievements include those of Dr. Judith W. Smith (Class of 1988) who has served on the Board of the Orthopaedic Learning Center in Rosemont, Ill., as well as the Board of the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society. Dr. Sabrina M. Strickland (Class of 2001) serves as Chief of Orthopaedics at the Bronx Veteran Affairs Medical Center. Dr. Carolyn M. Hettrich (Class of 2010) served as a Washington Health Policy Fellow during her year as a Shoulder and Sports Medicine fellow at Vanderbilt University.

Since 1982, 31 women have graduated from the orthopaedic surgery residency program at HSS, and six women are currently in training. HSS has led the way in its support of women in the field of orthopaedic surgery, and its women alumni continue to contribute to the field in invaluable ways and establish themselves as leaders. Their potential is seemingly limitless.

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Over the past 10 years we have seen an explosive improvement in our understanding of the assessment and management of non-arthritic hip pain.

Femoroacetabular impingement (FAI) and hip dysplasia likely represent upwards of 90 percent of the underlying etiologies that lead to the development of mechanical osteoarthritis in the hip. In FAI, anatomic abnormalities of the proximal femur and/or acetabulum result in repetitive collisions occurring during dynamic hip motion that lead to regional loading of the femoral head-neck junction against the acetabular rim. The resulting abnormal kinematics can precipitate direct damage to the cartilage, labrum and surrounding capsular structures, ultimately resulting in early osteoarthritic changes. In dysplasia, static overload of the acetabular rim and chondral-labral complex precipitates soft-tissue failure in and around the joint.

The rapidly emerging field of “hip preservation” has provided us with the opportunity for early detection and treatment intervention in patients suffering from “pre-arthritic” hip disease. These interventions have the capacity to not only alleviate symptoms and improve function, but ultimately may allow for the retardation or elimination of permanent chondral damage and arthritis in selective patients.

Established in 2009, the Center for Hip Preservation at Hospital for Special Surgery uses a multidisciplinary approach to treat a broad range of hip conditions by combining the expertise of a wide variety of health care professionals — including orthopaedic surgeons, radiologists, physiatrists, rheumatologists, physical therapists and researchers.

The goal of the Center is to provide joint-preserving treatment options to young, active adult patients suffering from hip pain in order to restore a high level of function. Historically, these younger patients might have been previously misdiagnosed or tolerated unrecognized symptoms, resulting in the further deterioration of the hip joint. As our understanding of structural abnormalities in the hip has increased, our specialists have been able to better identify underlying conditions in earlier stages, providing patients with more treatment options that help to preserve the integrity of the joint, including both arthroscopy and open surgical techniques.

The Center’s vision is three-fold: (1) To be the world leader in the diagnosis and treatment of hip pain; (2) To be recognized by the medical community and patients worldwide as the most trusted source of information to address hip pain and preservation among younger patients; (3) To be recognized for its innovative research in hip pain and preservation.

NEW FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN HIP PRESERVATION

This year marks the first year of an approved fellowship program in hip preservation, which has been spearheaded by Janet Reihner, Administrator for the Center and the fellowship. Dr. Bryan Kelly will serve as Fellowship Director as well as Co-Director of the Center with Dr. Ernest Sink, who was recently recruited from Denver Children’s Hospital with a specialization in Pediatric and Young Adult Hip Disorders and an emphasis on Open Hip Osteotomy surgery. The fellowship will also benefit from the expertise of Drs. Robert Buly, Anil Ranawat and Struan Coleman.
Several other surgeons with an expertise and interest in this field, including Drs. David Helfet, Dean Lorich, Michael Alexiades, Fritz Boettner, Edwin Su and Douglas Padgett, are all actively involved in clinical, educational and research endeavors.

The areas of surgical expertise span the entire spectrum of hip and pelvis injuries in patients not requiring arthroplasty solutions and include: arthroscopic management of labral pathology; arthroscopic and open management of FAI; cartilage preservation procedures; peri-acetabular osteotomy (PAO); proximal femoral osteotomies; pelvic and hip joint trauma; soft-tissue injuries around the hip including abductor failure, proximal hamstring syndrome/rupture, adductor and rectus abdominis injury; and nerve entrapment syndromes around the hip and pelvis.

**LEADER IN RESEARCH**

A strong research component of the Center has been actively established with the help of full-time Research Administrator Erin Magennis and full-time Research Assistant Sarah Knapp. The research focus of the Center has been divided into four main categories:

1. Establishment and implementation of a clinical prospective registry
2. Biomechanical research to study the mechanics of early cartilage deterioration through cadaveric studies, wear simulators and computer-assisted surgery research tools
3. Biologic research to study the biomolecular cause of early cartilage failure
4. Neuromuscular research to develop improved functional testing to identify and improve objective measures to assess core and pelvic function up and down the kinetic chain.

**TRAINING FUTURE INNOVATORS**

Ultimately, the educational and clinical mission of the Center for Hip Preservation is to train future orthopaedic innovators in the treatment of non-arthritic hip pain and preservation, and to further the advancement of the diagnosis and treatment of these disorders with the long-term goal of reducing our patients’ risk for the development of premature hip arthritis.

The Center for Hip Preservation can be found on the HSS website at www.hss.edu and is located on the ground floor of the newly renovated Caspary Building in the Belaire Courtyard at 541 East 71st Street.

To make an appointment or to find out more about our Center, please contact us via our toll-free number, 800.796.0473, or through our online form found on the website.

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HSS Alumni
RECEPTION @ AAOS

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Alumni took a break from their hectic schedules to relax and celebrate at the Alumni Cocktail Reception on Friday, February 18, 2011. The sky-level University Club Atop Symphony Towers, which sits on the 34th floor of one of San Diego’s tallest buildings, was an ideal setting. With stunning views of the downtown skyline in the heart of the business and cultural community, it was the perfect atmosphere for reconnecting, networking and socializing. Alumni were also encouraged to take a break and take advantage of the HSS hospitality suite at the conference, which offered computer access, lunch, refreshments and relaxation.
Alumni reconnect at the AAOS Reception; Chitranjan S. Ranawat, MD, Bryan N. Nestor, MD; Luis Moya, MD, Claudio Mella, MD, Thomas P. Sculco, MD, Beat Simmen, MD, Willem M. van der Merwe, MD; David M. Dines, MD; Judith W. Smith, MD, and Susan Padgett; Cassie A. Gyoricz, MD, and Doug Root; Steven B. Zelicof, MD, Steven B. Haas, MD; Calli Behr, Christopher Behr, MD, Jo A. Hannafin, MD, PhD; Beat Simmen, MD, Willem M. van der Merwe, MD; John H. Healey, MD; Russell F. Warren, MD; Warren R. Kadmas, MD; Michael Ryan, MD, Douglas E. Padgett, MD, Mrs. Michael Ryan; Shane Nho, MD, James D. O’Holleran, MD, Russel Huang, MD; Jose Rodriguez, MD, Michael Browne, MD, Gregory S. DiFelice, MD; Constantine Demetracopulos, MD, Jonathan T. Deland, MD, Mark Schrupmf, MD; Seth Sherman, MD, John T. Cavanaugh, PT, MEd, ATC; Domenick J. Sisto, MD, Michael Enrico, MD; Alumni and guests mingle at the reception; Anna Nam, Dennis Nam, MD, Allison Kitay, MD; Thanks to the contributors to the Alumni Dues fund.
A: R. Frank Henn, MD, Frank A. Cordasco, MD, MS, Anil S. Ranawat, MD; B: Walter Bohne, MD, and Colette Kimbrough Bohne; C: Demetris Delos, MD, Salma Chaudhury, MD; D: Franz Kopp, MD, and Mrs. Kopp; E: Daniel S. Rich, MD, Jonathan Lam, MD; F: Colleen O’Shea, MPA, Jennifer Hammann, CST; G: Andrew Neviaser, MD; H & I: Alumni stop by the Hospitality Suite during the AAOS Meeting
MERRILL A. RITTER, MD
2011 RECIPIENT

Merrill A. Ritter, MD, fell in love with orthopaedics at an early age. Surrounded by his father, an internist, and his colleagues, medicine was a natural evolution for him.

Following in his father’s footsteps, after graduating from Kenyon College in Ohio in 1960, he entered Indiana University School of Medicine. In 1965, he completed a residency in General Surgery at Harper Hospital in Detroit. After graduation, Dr. Ritter packed up his things, left the midwest and headed for the east coast. Having interviewed with Philip D. Wilson, Jr., MD, and Lee Ramsay Straub, MD, Dr. Ritter was eager to begin his residency at HSS.

STUDying in NEW YORK

During his time in New York, Dr. Ritter completed a residency in Prosthetics and Orthotics at New York University in addition to his residency at HSS. Upon receiving his diploma from HSS, he was invited to stay on for an additional year as a fellow.

He describes his time at HSS as hard work but reflects fondly upon his classmates and the friends he made. He remembers the long hours spent in the Kim Barrett Medical Library. Taking advantage of every possible opportunity, Dr. Ritter would be in the operating room perfecting his skills as a surgeon, and if he wasn’t in the OR or library, you could find him reviewing charts for a research paper with Dr. Wilson, Jr.

A LEADER IN THE FIELD

Returning to Indiana where his father was practicing, he set out on his own and opened his own practice in 1974. In 1986, Dr. Ritter founded the Center for Hip and Knee Surgery in Mooresville, Ind., which has become one of the leading joint replacements centers in the country. Additionally, professional achievements include serving as Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Indiana University School of Medicine and Clinical Professor of Orthopaedics at Louisiana State University Medical Center, as well as publishing hundreds of articles and being an internationally respected lecturer, teacher and researcher. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Ritter lists studying in England under John Charnley, MD, as one of his greatest.

Another one of Dr. Ritter’s significant achievements is establishing the Indiana Chapter of Operation Walk, an organization that brings the gift of mobility and relief from pain to the destitute people of developing nations, of which he acts as President. Each year a team of surgeons, internal medicine specialists, physical therapists, bio-engineers and nurses, operates on at least 100 patients through the organization, bringing care and hope to some of the poorest citizens of the world.

ADVICE FOR FUTURE LEADERS

Dr. Ritter continues to learn as much as possible. He advises all residents and fellows in the field to continue to read, read, and read some more. He cautions them not to get caught up in concerns about money and that taking care of the patient is what matters.”
MICHAEL SOUDRY, MD
2011 RECIPIENT

Growing up, Michael Soudry, MD, born in Meknes, Morocco, read the book *The History of San Michele* by Swedish author Axel Menthe about a boy who left Sweden in the 19th century and traveled to the Italian island of Capri to become a doctor. This book was a tremendous influence in Dr. Soudry’s life and is to what he attributes his resolution to enter the field of medicine.

EARLY EDUCATION

In 1968, he received his BSc in Physiology and Microbiology from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. That same year, at the age of 23, he enlisted in Tsahal Israel Military Service. By 1973 he had his MD degree from the Hadassah Medical School, and in 1975, he was discharged from the military as a Captain and had earned his license to practice in Israel. Dr. Soudry was well on his way to establishing an impressive resume.

While in Israel, Dr. Soudry trained under David Mendes, MD, a former HSS attending, and had the pleasure of meeting Philip D. Wilson, Jr., MD. These encounters were his first introductions to HSS and shaped his professional career. However, before joining HSS, Dr. Soudry completed a one-year clinical fellowship in Reconstructive Joint Surgery at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard University, and had earned his license to practice in the state of Massachusetts by 1981.

THE HSS YEARS

In 1983, Dr. Soudry was accepted by John Insall, MD, for a knee fellowship position at HSS. He remembers trying to accomplish as much as possible clinically, academically and surgically while commuting to the hospital daily from Queens. Reflecting on his time at HSS, he fondly remembers the attendings as warm, friendly and devoted to teaching, education and research. Even though everyone had hectic schedules, they made the time to talk to the young trainees. Morning academic meetings with Eduardo A. Salvati, MD, Chitranjan S. Ranawat, MD, and Thomas P. Sculco, MD, are memories he cherishes. He notes how Dr. Insall kindly welcomed his wife, who at the time was doing biology research at Rockefeller University, and their two children into his home.

RETURN TO ISRAEL

Currently, Dr. Soudry is Chair of the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology and Director of the Department of Orthopaedics at Rambam Medical Center in Haifa, Israel. His main research and clinical interests are in the fields of reconstructive joint surgery, knee surgery, arthroscopy and sports injuries, and to date, he has published more than 120 articles. Dr. Soudry has also recently opened the Institute for the Research of Bone Healing within the Rambam Medical Center.

Dr. Soudry is honored to have been a fellow at such a world renowned hospital and to have had the privilege of being taught by “the giants” in the field. He remembers Dr. Wilson’s expectation that all fellows must continue to teach and become leaders in their fields. Fulfilling this task has been one of his greatest accomplishments.

For anyone going into orthopaedics, he stresses they must continue to sustain a high level of curiosity, motivation and drive for learning while remaining attentive to their families. He is grateful for the support of his wife Esther; son Ethan, who completed a research fellowship in ENT at John Hopkins in June and started a two-year fellowship in ENT at Stanford University, California; son Daniel, who is working on his PhD; and daughter Anat who is a practicing architect in New York City. Dr. Soudry keeps busy and strives to be creative.

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ALUMNI NEWS FEATURE

ALUMNI PROFILES

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GREATS

Hospital for Special Surgery has trained multiple generations of young surgeons who have left the metropolitan area and settled in other parts of the country.

These alumni have transplanted their wisdom and techniques to elevate the level of care in other parts of the country. Many HSS alumni have become leaders in their new communities and have become chairmen or chiefs at many academic centers throughout the country. HSS has, therefore, had a profound effect on the delivery of patient care throughout the U.S., particularly in the specialty of joint replacement surgery. Nowhere has the HSS influence been more pronounced than in Southern California, where three prominent HSS alumni have been the most influential joint replacement surgeons over the past 40 years.

**Harlan Cabot Amstutz, MD**, completed his HSS residency in 1964, spent three years in the military and joined the staff in 1967. He was the chief of the amputee and leg-length inequality clinic and was an attending on the hip service under the direction of Philip D. Wilson, Jr., MD.

In 1970, Dr. Amstutz was recruited to be the Chief of Orthopaedics at his alma mater UCLA, and he took over the fledgling program. He transferred the model of clinical practice and research from HSS to UCLA and built the program into one of the finest in the country. He has trained hundreds of fellows and residents and has published 283 peer-reviewed articles with more in review. He acknowledges that his mentors and the academic structure at HSS have greatly led to his success.

**Clifford M. Colwell, MD**, completed his residency at HSS in 1967, spent three years in the military and started a solo practice in 1970, joining the clinical faculty of University of California, San Diego (UCSD).

The Scripps Family Endowment built a new clinic in 1977 and Dr. Colwell was recruited to be the Chief of Orthopaedics at this new medical center. He started a research department and recruited clinical faculty to care for patients all within one institution, just as he had been taught at HSS. The Scripps Clinic has flourished and there are currently 26 full-time orthopaedic surgeons along with 35 laboratory staff, currently investigating multiple aspects of musculoskeletal disease. Dr. Colwell has published 223 papers throughout his career and his research has been primarily in knee kinematics and anti-coagulation prophylaxis.

**Lawrence D. Dorr, MD**, finished his orthopaedic residency at University of Southern California (USC) in 1976 and completed the CAP fellowship in 1977 at HSS. He credits his relationship with Dr. Chitranjan S. Ranawat for “changing his life” and developing in him a lifelong passion for research, surgical innovation and patient care. Dr. Dorr returned to Los Angeles and took a position at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital in Downey and later a full-time position at USC. He has trained hundreds of residents and fellows at USC, which is one of the largest programs in the country. He has been an innovator in porous coating and anatomic design in hip arthroplasty, creating a new classification of pelvic bone, and was one of the first to advocate minimal incisions and robotic guidance in hip arthroplasty and maximizing alternative methods to control pain following joint arthroplasty.

Hospital for Special Surgery has had a profound impact on resident and fellow education throughout the world but, perhaps, Southern California has benefited the most. The three men featured in this article have collectively trained hundreds of residents and fellows and have operated on tens of thousands of patients in the two largest cities in California. Their impact over the past forty years will always be remembered. The experiences they had and the lessons they learned at HSS influenced their careers and ignited their successes in Southern California.

All of us alumni have our own stories and our own mentors at HSS that have influenced our careers and led to our own individual successes. I personally am grateful to all of the faculty that guided me during my residency and am most thankful for the magical time I had at Hospital for Special Surgery.

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READ MORE!

This article will be published in its entirety on the web. Go to [www.hss.edu/alumni](http://www.hss.edu/alumni) to read the complete piece. Full copies will also be available at the Alumni Meeting in November.
As the oldest orthopaedic hospital in the country, HSS has a long and fascinating history that incorporates the stories of New York City, the great philanthropists of the nineteenth and early twentieth century, orthopaedics, and the influence of wartime innovation on medical practice. Throughout the years, much of this history had been preserved by Kim Barrett and subsequent medical librarians along with other staff members. However, David B. Levine, MD, recognized that a formal archives program was necessary to ensure these materials were preserved for generations to come. In 2003, he organized the HSS Medical Archives Committee of interested members of the faculty and staff, with the medical librarian as the administrative director.

The charges of the committee are the following:

- Develop strategies to preserve historical documents and memorabilia relevant to the history of HSS
- Explore methods of collecting and retrieving historical materials
- Develop ways to exhibit historical documents and artifacts to increase knowledge of the historical importance of HSS
- Disseminate historical information to staff, alumni, friends and patients
- Raise funds for the preservation of the archives of HSS

Over the next two years, Dr. Levine worked with committee members on collecting materials from the hospital’s history, including annual reports, several boxes of photographs, scrapbooks, framed portraits, some films, phonograph recordings, slides and in-house publications.

By late 2005, the collection had grown to fill four storage cabinets. The medical librarian, Tim Roberts, and Dr. Levine met with James L. Gehrlich, head of the Medical Center Archives, Weill Cornell Medical College. Gehrlich emphasized the importance of creating a collection policy that would guide the development and organization of the archives. He generously shared the medical center’s policy to use as a model. He also reinforced some of the basics of proper storage, protection of patient information and copyright.

To make progress on developing and
SAVE THE DATE

Annual Alumni Cocktail Reception at Rockefeller University, Weiss Café
Honoring HSS Rheumatology (Established 1924) and Mary K. Crow, MD, Physician-in-Chief

Thursday, November 10, 2011
6–8 pm

HSS Autumn Benefit at Guastavino’s

Friday, November 11th
Cocktails @ 6:30 pm | Dinner @ 7:30 pm
409 East 59th Street

Special performance by
The Unexpected Boys – A Tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons

After-Party sponsored by
Young Friends of HSS

This event, led by Cynthia Sculco along with co-chairs Renee Flug, Carol M. Lyden and Antonella G. Salvati, is another component of the Hospital’s continued commitment to support medical education. The monies raised from this event will provide funding for the HSS Journal, a crucial element of the excellence in education and training offered at HSS along with strategic alumni and medical education initiatives. There are a number of ways alumni can participate, including arranging a class reunion table, arranging individual tickets to reconnect with HSS staff as well as providing tickets to sponsor a current resident, fellow and/or guest.

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Martha O’Brasky, MPA
Philip D. Wilson, Jr., MD
Thomas P. Sculco, MD (Ex Officio)

Throughout the entire process, it has been important to also take the time to tell the story of Hospital for Special Surgery.
The Alumni Association greatly appreciates the generous support of the many individuals who have contributed thus far in 2011.

Their contributions assist efforts to further strategic educational programming to HSS trainees, international visitors and nursing staff, along with fostering resources to strengthen HSS Alumni Association support. Gifts have been allocated to the general Alumni Association Fund to be used where they are needed most.

In addition, alumni designated their support to be allocated to a variety of educational, alumni and institutional initiatives including the International Learning and Training Center and Bioskills Education Laboratory; the Leon Root, MD, Pediatric Outreach Program; medical scholarships; the Georgette “Gigi” Viellion, RN, ONC, Orthopaedic Nursing Education Endowed Scholarship Fund; the Lance Peters, MD, Memorial Fund; and the HSS Archives Fund.

The Lance Peters, MD, Memorial Fund has been developed by the Class of 1999 to recognize an HSS resident or fellow on an annual basis for exceptional work in the research of biomechanics through the Lance Peters, MD Biomechanics Research Award. The Alumni Affairs Committee is working to define the criteria for this annual award. Details will be shared at the November 2011 Annual Alumni Meeting, with the goal to present the first award at the 2012 Annual Alumni Meeting.

HSS Alumni Association gratefully thanks the following inaugural fund contributors:

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- GOAL: $74,000
- DUES PAID: $4,000
For your convenience

Alumni can now pay their annual dues online! Simply go to www.hss.edu/alumni-dues. Gifts to support the HSS Alumni Association Fund can now be made online, as well. Please go to www.hss.edu/gift-making or send a check to HSS, payable to: HSS Alumni Association Fund.

Advantages of Including Philanthropy in Your Retirement Planning

Alumni will be interested to know about two ways to combine philanthropy with retirement planning. The first is the recent extension by Congress of the Charitable IRA Rollover, which enables alumni aged 70½ and older to make gifts to HSS directly from their IRA without having to pay taxes on the distributions. The amount passing to HSS counts toward the donor’s minimum distribution requirement for the year. This provision remains in effect through 2011, and has been extended year to year since its inception in 2006.

A second way to support organizations like HSS while securing a source of income for one’s retirement years is the charitable gift annuity (CGA). Alumni who are already 60 or older might want to consider making a gift to HSS that pays them a lifetime income that begins immediately. Younger alumni could enhance their payouts and charitable deductions by making the gift now and deferring the income until they have retired. For example: Jim, 50, gives HSS $100,000 for a CGA that is to begin making payments to him when he’s 65. Jim gets a current income tax deduction of $18,700 and will receive annual payments of $10,050 (10.5 percent) for life beginning in 2026. There is a $10,000 minimum amount required to establish a CGA with HSS.

For more information about these and other ways to maximize your support of HSS, please contact our Planned Giving Office at 212.606.1196.

Questions? Comments?

Should you have any questions or would like more information regarding initiatives of Education & Academic Affairs at HSS, please contact:

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FROM THE 2010 RECIPIENT OF THE GEORGETTE “GIGI” VIELLION, RN, ONC, ORTHOPAEDIC NURSING EDUCATION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
BARBARA KAHN, RN, ONC

As a nurse clinician, I have always appreciated the importance of attending the AAOS conference. Ms. Georgette Viellion, my mentor and colleague many years ago, taught me the importance of professionalism, educational advancement, research and teaching. I truly feel the AAOS strives to present these qualities to all who attend and love orthopaedics as I do. Specialty Day has always been the highlight of the conference for me. The quality of the research being presented on cutting edge topics is not only interesting, it reinforces my ability to better teach my patients and answer their questions.

This past June, I was selected to teach orthopaedics to nurse practitioner students at the Columbia School of Nursing. I believe that being a recipient of the Gigi Viellion scholarship and my continuing education supported not only my application but also gave me the confidence and ability to take on this challenging new role and enhance my career.

Barbara Kahn, RN, ONC, received her award at the November 2011 Annual Alumni Meeting.
Resident Class of 1966

Allan R. Dunn, MD, received the Distinguished Medical Research Award from the State University of New York, Downtown Medical Center, in May for his discoveries with stem cells to re-grow articular cartilage.

Fellowship Class of 1970

In spite of recent major earthquakes in northeastern Japan, Tominhisa Koshino, MD (ARJR), is happy that his hometown of Yokohama was safe with only several mild shakes; even the bottles didn’t fall from the shelf. At the time of the earthquakes, Dr. Koshino stayed in the bank within the safety deposit box room and didn’t feel anything. He is still working as a knee surgeon mainly on TKA, UK and HTO.

Resident Class of 1983

Thomas Nordstrom, MD, achieved his Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do Korean Karate this past year, just a few months shy of his 60th birthday. He earned it after four years of training (a similar time frame as a residency). He encourages other baby boomers to stay active.

Resident Class of 1989

Serena S. Hu, MD, was named by Orthopedic, Spine & Pain Management as one of the “10 Female Spine Surgeons to Know.” Dr. Hu is a professor of orthopaedics at the University of California, San Francisco, and her professional interest is in treating adult scoliosis. Her research interests include the prediction and prevention of metastatic spinal fractures that could lead to paralysis and disc degeneration. She is a member of several professional societies including the Scoliosis Research Society, American Spinal Injury Association, AOSpine North America and American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

Resident Class of 1995

John L’Insalata, MD, helped organize and coach a boys’ travel soccer team, NY United, which traveled to Italy to participate in an International FIFA-sponsored soccer tournament, The Acropolis Cup.

Resident Class of 1996

Christopher T. Behr, MD (Class Representative), remains close with many of his HSS classmates. With AAOS in San Diego this past February, a reunion dinner was attended by Les Bisson, MD, Brian Cole, MD, Daniel Green, MD, Stephanie Stephens, MD, and honorary 1996 class member John MacGillivray, MD. Dr. Bisson remains in Buffalo, N.Y., in academics at the University of Buffalo and cares for the Buffalo Bills NFL football team and the Buffalo Sabres NHL hockey team. He and his wife, Karen, have three children. Dr. Cole has been extremely successful professionally, practicing as a full professor at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago and is a leader in cartilage research. He serves as team physician for the Chicago Bulls NBA basketball team and the Chicago White Sox MLB team. He and wife Emily have three children. Dr. Green is the only one in the class to remain at “The Big House” as part of the Pediatrics/Scoliosis Service and he currently serves as President of the New York County Medical Society. He and wife Brenda have three children. Dr. Stephens practices in Irving, Tex., and she and her husband have one son. Mark Deitch, MD, specializes in hand surgery and practices in Maryland. He and his wife Lee have two children. The other bear in the class of 1996, Brian Bear, MD, has practiced in Rockford, Ill., ever since completing his Hand/Upper Extremity fellowship. As the CEO of his group, he has built Rockford Orthopaedics into a large group of over 150 employees and over 20 doctors. He and wife Andrea have three children, and their daughter, Emily, a musical prodigy, has performed on “The Ellen Degeneres Show,” at Carnegie Hall and at the White House for President Bush. Dave Kalainov, MD, practices hand surgery in Chicago and he and his wife have three children. Finally, but certainly not least, Stephen Zabinski, MD, has remained in the same practice in southern New Jersey ever since leaving HSS in 1996, and he has three children.

Resident Class of 2006

Joshua S. Dines, MD, was recently named to the editorial board of The American Journal of Orthopedics. He was also named Social Media Editor of the Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery.
Fellowship Class of 2011

Thomas W. Axelrad, MD, PhD, recently became an orthopaedic trauma surgeon for Lake Charles Memorial Hospital in Lake Charles, La. He received his medical degree and doctoral degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine. He did his internship in general surgery and his residency in orthopaedic surgery at Boston University Medical Center. Dr. Axelrad has also served as director of Orthopaedics at St. Joseph’s Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. Josh Lamb, MD, will be doing a Global Surgery Fellowship at Brigham and Women’s Hospital Center for Surgery and Public Health, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School in Boston, Mass. As part of the fellowship, he will spend a year working at Partners in Health hospital in Butaro, Rwanda, Africa. After graduation, Darren R. Lebl, MD, is traveling internationally to work with Kuniyoshi Abumi, MD (President of Cervical Spine Research Society – Asia Pacific Division), in Sapporo, Japan; Jurgen Harms, MD, in Karlsbad, Germany; and Lawrence Lenke, MD (President of Scoliosis Research Society), in St. Louis, Mo.

AAOS Community Service Initiative in San Diego

Since 2000, the AAOS has partnered with the host cities of its annual meeting to take part in a volunteer community service project with a focus on playground safety. This year, the organization partnered with San Diego Youth Services (SDYS), a non-profit charitable organization that provides intensive services to more than 9,000 children and their families. On February 15, more than 200 volunteers came out to transform the dirt and asphalt back lot of the Spring Valley Elementary Campus into a state-of-the-art playground and fitness center that will serve children with and without disabilities, at-risk youth, parents, and senior citizens. Among them were members of the HSS staff as well as alumni, including Michael Parks, MD, a member of the 2011 AAOS Board of Directors. Continued on page 22

HSS ALUMNI
Active at National Meetings

“W SOCIETY”

The first annual HSS Sports Medicine & Shoulder Service “W Society” Meeting and Cocktail Reception was held at the AOSSM in July. The W Society was established in honor of Russell F. Warren, MD, and Thomas L. Wickiewicz, MD, who have contributed generously to HSS and have been influential to all trainees who have had the pleasure to work alongside them. The meeting was held in conjunction with a cocktail reception for Sports Medicine Fellowship alumni and included a short forum to present updates from current faculty and alumni.

The academic component of the program included presentations from HSS faculty members David Altcheck, MD; Stephen O’Brien, MD, MBA; Scott Rodeo, MD; and external alumnus Christopher J. Wahl, MD. Case presentations added to the overall benefit of all in attendance.

Over 50 HSS alumni used this special opportunity to reconnect with mentors and classmates. Alumni reminisced, openly discussing current issues they encounter in sports medicine. The forum was a perfect way to challenge each other and explore different ideas and schools of thought. Reflecting on the event, Dr. Wahl said, “The W Society Meeting was one of the most refreshing meetings I’ve attended in a long time. It was the perfect mix of science and anecdote from peers and mentors who I respect and who take an honest, open approach to looking at what we do. The format was perfect, the discussion exceptional, and the camaraderie wonderful. I’ll make it a point to go every year!”

C. Benjamin Ma, MD, had a similar experience, saying that it was a wonderful event and that it was “great to have the HSS sports community gather together.” He added that he will definitely attend future events.

Dr. Wickiewicz was honored by the formation of the Society. He says, “I have been fortunate to have interacted with numerous fellows over the years. I believe I have learned as much as hopefully they did from those interactions. HSS fellows have made tremendous impacts throughout the country and world over the past 30 years. Having helped train these individuals in some small way has been a wonderful experience.”
INTRODUCING OUR
HSS CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

CHRISTOPHER T. BEHR, MD
Residency Class of 1996,
Fellowship Class of 1997
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A life-long New Yorker, Christopher T. Behr, MD, or CBehr as many refer to him, grew up on Long Island, attended Cornell University for his undergraduate studies and earned his MD degree at Weill Cornell Medical College. His academic work in New York ended with the completion of his residency and fellowship at HSS. During his fellowship year in 1996-1997, he met Calli Makridis, who had worked in the office of David Altchek, MD, and once done with his academic studies, together they drove out of Manhattan towards San Diego and never looked back.

Dr. Behr joined San Diego Orthopaedic Associates, the prestigious and oldest private group in San Diego, where he still practices today. His practice focuses on sports medicine and he has cared for the San Diego State University Aztecs athletic teams since 1999. He currently serves as Head Team Orthopaedic Surgeon for SDSU. Additionally, he provides local coverage for the Los Angeles Dodgers Major League Baseball team when they play in San Diego. He also teaches four orthopaedic fellows per year as part of his faculty duties to the San Diego Sports Medicine and Arthroscopy Fellowship.

Dr. Behr and Calli were married in 2000 at a ceremony that was attended by many with connections to HSS. They have two children, Meghan, 9, and Michael, 7. The Behr family enjoys boating and other outdoor activities in beautiful San Diego.

LORNE E. WEEKS, MD
Fellowship Class of 2007
lweeks1951@hotmail.com

Living in Washington, D.C., where as a child he watched his father play for the Redskins, Lorne E. Weeks, MD, works in Maryland’s Prince George’s and Montgomery counties. Since completing his fellowship in general orthopaedics at HSS in 2007, his surgical practice has grown into a comfortable mix of hand, upper extremity and general orthopaedics. He has recently added a satellite office in Silver Spring, Md., to complement his flagship office in Greenbelt, Md. Dr. Weeks provides emergency department coverage for three hospitals in Maryland: Washington Adventist Hospital (Tacoma Park), Doctors Community Hospital (Lanham) and Laurel Regional Hospital (Laurel). His brother and mother live in nearby Frederick, Md.

JESSICA GORDON, MD, MSc
Fellowship Class of 2010,
Rheumatology Class Representative
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Jessica Gordon, MD, MSc, is an Assistant Attending Physician in the Department of Rheumatology at HSS. She specializes in the treatment of various rheumatologic conditions including scleroderma, vasculitis, systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis and many other conditions. Dr. Gordon is an investigator in several clinical trials and observational studies focusing on scleroderma and is the recipient of a Scleroderma Foundation New Investigator Grant. She lives in Manhattan with her husband, Horatio, and their three children.

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Directors; Jack Davis, MSN, RN, ONC, Manager of Patient Education Services at HSS and President of the Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Board (ONCB); and HSS alumnus John J. Callaghan, MD (ARJR Fellow 1984), an immediate Past President of AAOS. “This project is an opportunity for us to give something back to the communities we serve by helping with the construction of a safe and wheelchair-accessible play structure for children, encouraging exercise for all ages and preventing – not just treating – injuries,” said Dr. Park.

in MEMORIAM

Walter Livermore Norton, MD
(Former Attending, Rheumatology)

Walter Livermore Norton, MD, a former rheumatology attending physician, passed away this past March at the age of 78.

After leaving HSS in 1979, Dr. Norton went to Saudi Arabia, where he practiced at the King Daisal Specialist Hospital, Riyadh, until 1988. From 1988 to 2011 he settled in Evansville, Ind., before retiring to New Smyrna Beach, Fla. He is survived by his wife Mary Anne; children, Brook, Adrienne, and Bruce; brother Sherman; and sister-in-law Jo Ann, along with six stepchildren and 16 grandchildren.

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Awards & Accolades

RESIDENTS

DAVID B. LEVINE, MD (1964), was elected Historian of the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons at its 63rd annual meeting in Dublin, Ireland, in June. Dr. Levine, founder and Director of the HSS Archives, has served previously as Historian of the Interurban Orthopaedic Society.

CATHERINE L. RAGGIO, MD (1984), was appointed to the Medical Advisory Board of The Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation.

SOMMER HAMMoud, MD (2011), was presented with the Russell F. Warren, MD, Award for Excellence in Orthopaedic Basic/Translational Research.

HAN JO KIM, MD (2011), received the Lewis Clark Wagner, MD, Award for Excellence in Orthopaedic Clinical/Translational Research.

PETER FABRICANT, MD (PGY-4), recently received a new OREF Resident Educational Grant for the study of “The Impact of Scoliosis Surgery on the Adolescent Athlete.”

GREGORY J. GALANO, MD (2011), was presented with the Chief Fellow plaque by John Blanco, MD, chair of the Fellowship Committee.

CATHERINE HAYTER, MD (2011), received the Charles L. Christian, MD, Award for Excellence in Musculoskeletal Research.

AARON KRYCH, MD (2011), received the Philip D. Wilson, MD, Award for Excellence in Orthopaedic Surgery Research.

LEI LI, MD (2011), was the recipient of one of the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine’s Resident Travel Awards for her abstract “Cervical Spine Disease is a Risk Factor for Persistent Phrenic Nerve Paresis Following Interscalene Block for Shoulder Surgery.” Dr. Li participated under the direction of Victor M. Zayas, MD, Director of Pediatric Anesthesia at HSS. Dr. Li’s abstract was one of only three that were chosen from more than 250 submissions.

RESIDENT & FELLOW

MATHIAS P. BOSTROM, MD (1995, 1996), received the Nancy Kane Bischoff Mentor Award for consistently demonstrating concern for the interests and welfare of the residents and acting as a trusted guide. He has also been named to the presidential line for the Orthopaedic Research Society and will assume the presidency in 2015.

SABRINA STRICKLAND, MD (2001, 2002), was the recipient of the Philip D. Wilson, Jr., MD, Teaching Award for outstanding commitment to resident education as deemed by the graduating chief residents.

TRAVIS G. MAAK, MD (2011, CURRENT SPORTS MEDICINE AND SHOULDER FELLOW), was the recipient of the J.C. McDaniel Award for Resident Leadership. The winner of this award is a chief resident who demonstrates a high level of professional skill, dedication to the ethics of medicine and commitment to resident education and to the community of HSS.

HSS STAFF

RICHARD BOCKMAN, MD, PHD, served on the Steering Committee and chaired a session on “Facilitating Productive Collaborations” for the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) sponsored research symposium on “Engaging Basic Scientists in Translational Research” held at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. He also serves as Chairman of the Calcium Subcommittee of the Professional Practice Committee of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR) and was appointed to the Steering and Planning Committee of the Clinical Endocrinology Update meeting of the Endocrine Society.

ADELE L. BOSKEY, PHD, was invited to serve on the Editorial Board of Calcified Tissue International.

MARY GOLDRING, PHD, was a guest speaker at the Joint Meeting of the Bone Research Society and British Orthopedic Research Society in Cambridge, UK.

STEVEN R. GOLDRING, MD, was an invited lecturer at the Van Andel Research Institute in Grand Rapids, Mich.

QIU GUO, PHD, received a new research award from the Feldstein Medical Foundation to study “Micro RNA Regulation of the Interferon Pathway in SLE.”

JOSEPH M. LANE, MD, was appointed Chair of the NIH Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Grants Review Committee Study Section.

STEVE K. LEE, MD, recently joined the HSS Hand and Upper Extremity Service and has been named Research Director of the HSS Center for Brachial Plexus and Complex Nerve Injury, which opens this fall.

THERESA LU, MD, PHD, was invited to be a Charter Member of the NIH Atherosclerosis and Inflammation of the Cardiovascular System Study Section.

TIMOTHY M. WRIGHT, PHD, was invited by the FDA to participate in a public workshop held by the Center for Devices and Radiological Health to discuss the Center’s new Innovation Initiative. The purpose of the workshop was to solicit feedback on the Medical Device Innovation Initiative, an effort to accelerate and reduce the cost of development and regulatory evaluation of innovative medical devices safely and based on sound science.
WELCOME
CLASS OF 2011 ALUMNI!

Congratulations to our graduating residents. We wish them well as they embark on their post-graduation positions.

2011 GRADUATING RESIDENTS

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Washington University

Travis G. Maak, MD
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Hospital for Special Surgery

Daniel A. Osei, MD
Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery Fellowship
Washington University

Front row, from left: Dr. Edward V. Craig, Dr. Thomas P. Sculco, Dr. Mathias P. Bostrom; Center row, from left: Dr. Travis G. Maak, Dr. Daniel Osei, Dr. Haydée C. Brown, Dr. Duretti T. Fufa; Top row, from left: Dr. Sommer Hammoud, Dr. Patrick W. Jost, Dr. Han Jo Kim
2011 GRADUATING FELLOWS

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November 10–12, 2011
Target audience: Physicians and scientists working in the specialties of orthopaedics, rheumatology, radiology, anesthesiology, psychiatry and neurology, including HSS alumni and current residents, fellows and medical staff

23rd Annual Holiday Total Knee
December 1–2, 2011
Target audience: Orthopaedic surgeons, fellows, residents and physician assistants

Major League Soccer Medical Symposium
January 7, 2012
Jointly sponsored by HSS Office of Continuing Medical Education and Major League Soccer. This course will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Target audience: Specialty physicians, orthopaedists, athletic trainers, physical therapists and rehabilitation therapists

Treating the Multisport & Endurance Athlete
January 27, 2012
Target audience: Physical therapists, athletic trainers and coaches

14th Annual Sports Medicine for the Young Athlete
February 25, 2012
Target audience: Pediatricians, sports medicine physicians, orthopaedic surgeons, school nurses/pediatric nurse practitioners, athletic trainers, coaches, physical therapists, residents, fellows and students

Conservative Management of Knee Osteoarthritis
March 9, 2012
Target audience: Primary care physicians, orthopaedists, rheumatologists, physiatrists, athletic trainers, rehabilitation therapists and physical therapists

Neuromuscular Directions 2012
Current Concepts in Electrodiagnosis, Neurology/Orthopaedics Interface and Neuromuscular Medicine
March 15–17, 2012
Target audience: Neurologists, orthopaedists, physiatrists, residents and fellows

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Clinical Approach to the Evaluation & Treatment of Congenital Muscular Torticollis
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April 19–21, 2012
Target audience: Physical therapists, athletic trainers, coaches, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other health care professionals involved in the care of athletes

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April 21, 2012
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