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Photos from 2011 class reunions

Alumni honored for profound work
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At the end of April, I celebrated my 40th Medical College reunion, another wonderful opportunity to see my classmates from 1971, as well as many other alumni during Alumni Weekend in Milwaukee. If you page through this magazine, you will get a glimpse of the memorable time we all had, thanks to the Alumni Association.

I look forward to my medical school reunion every five years and have enjoyed serving on my class’s reunion committees. For alumni who are looking for a way to be involved with their alma mater, volunteering for your reunion committee provides a chance to directly communicate with old friends while entailing only a modest time commitment. Alumni Weekend 2012 is scheduled for May 4-5.

I just recently began my term as Alumni Association President, after serving on the Board in different capacities since 2007. I appreciate having this forum to promote and endorse these fantastic alumni events. I also am continuing to learn about the world-class work taking place in the classrooms, clinics and labs across the College’s campus and throughout the community. The more involved I get, the prouder I become of my Medical College of Wisconsin diploma and the institution it represents.

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Because of you, Alumni Weekend was an enormous success. I hope that in your continued roles as ambassadors, you will tell your colleagues and peers about the outstanding work and innovation taking place at The Medical College of Wisconsin.

You are the Medical College’s legacy, and your efforts enhance the rich historical tapestry woven by all past, present and future graduates of our school.

John R. Raymond, Sr., MD
President and CEO

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For Peds’ sake

Throughout his career in academic pediatrics, Dr. Steven Shelov has focused on the next generation – of children, of parents, of students, of residents. Serving vulnerable populations and providing high-quality and accessible education are at the crux of his practice. For his great work, he was named Alumnus of the Year. And to think most medical schools overlooked him.

Classes represented in this story:
‘70, ‘71

Heart & soul

As a physician and Maryknoll Sister, Dr. Mary Annel has been a source of hope and health for many in Latin America. Her efforts to care for indigenous people in Guatemala and treat and support individuals with HIV/AIDS in El Salvador during a career spanning more than 30 years has earned her the alumni Humanitarian Award.

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‘71

Recently distinguished

An ENT in southeastern Wisconsin, Dr. Ronald Darling has served the Medical College in many ways. For his contributions as a clinical faculty member, his collaborative research and his volunteerism on the Alumni Association Board and Executive Committee, he has received the alumni Distinguished Service Award.

Classes represented in this story:
‘60, ‘62

President has unique vantage point

Dr. John Bjork is a member of the first class of students to graduate from The Medical College of Wisconsin under that name. He hopes to bring his historical perspective to the role of Alumni Association President to foster pride and participation among all eras of alumni.

Classes represented in this story:

Grant funds geriatrics training

The Medical College of Wisconsin has received a grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation to support geriatrics training for physicians in hospital-based residency programs.

Classes represented in this story:
Commencement was held for graduates of The Medical College of Wisconsin on May 20, 2011, at the Milwaukee Theatre. A total of 275 degrees were awarded to students of the Medical School and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. The commencement address was delivered by Allan H. “Bud” Selig, Commissioner of Major League Baseball, who spoke about his Milwaukee roots and the strength of the Medical College in the community. Three staff/faculty members received Distinguished Service Awards, the College’s highest honor: Douglas R. Campbell, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, Retired; Hubert V. Forster, PhD, Professor of Physiology; and Cecilia J. Hillard, PhD ’83, Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology and Director of the Neuroscience Research Center.

Lauren Kathleen Barlow, MD ’11 (left), waves to friends and family who watched her receive her Doctor of Medicine degree at The Medical College of Wisconsin’s 2011 Commencement ceremony on May 20.

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College advances in primary education, research rankings

The Medical College of Wisconsin has been ranked the 37th best medical school in the United States for primary care education and the 45th best medical school in the country for research by U.S. News and World Report. The rankings were part of the publication’s “Best Graduate Schools 2012 Rankings” released March 15.

Last year, the College was ranked 53rd for primary care and 51st for research. Overall, 123 U.S. medical and osteopathic schools were surveyed and ranked.

Rankings are based on a cumulative score of eight different indicators. The primary care score also takes into account peer assessment, residency directors’ assessments, student selectivity, faculty resources and the percentage of graduates entering primary care residency programs in the previous three years. Thirty-five percent of the Medical College’s recent graduates have entered primary residencies.

The research score includes peer assessment, residency directors’ assessments, research activity (including National Institutes of Health funding), student selectivity and faculty-to-student ratio. Medical College researchers received a total of $121 million in NIH-funded grants in 2010.

New otolaryngology chairman an expert on cancer & surgery

Following a national search, John S. Rhee, MD, MPH ’04, has been named the John C. Koss Professor and Chairman of Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences at The Medical College of Wisconsin. He has been a member of the Medical College faculty since 1999.

Dr. Rhee is an expert on quality of life in patients with cancer and the use of computer modeling for surgery. A highly accomplished researcher, Dr. Rhee has served on NIH study sections and currently is Deputy Editor-in-Chief for the Archives of Facial Plastic Surgery, the premier peer-reviewed medical journal for his subspecialty.

He is an experienced mentor and outstanding clinician who has been listed in the Best Doctors in America for eight consecutive years. He also holds an appointment in the Department of Dermatology.

NIMH awards large grant to study HIV prevention approach

The Medical College of Wisconsin received a five-year, $5.9 million grant from the National Institutes of Health’s National Institute of Mental Health to investigate new HIV prevention approaches for African American men who have sex with men. Jeffrey A. Kelly, PhD, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine and Director of the College’s Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR), is principal investigator.

The research will compare traditional testing, treatment and individual counseling to a new, social network-level intervention. The aim is to identify an approach that could be used by public health service providers, health departments and community organizations concerned about AIDS to prevent HIV among high-risk African American men who have sex with men.

Alumni Association provides tuition assistance to students

Nine medical students received scholarships from The Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Medical Alumni Association this year.

Pictured (L-R) are immediate Past Alumni Association President Steven C. Bergin, MD ’74, GME ’78; Sharon Chow, M3; Erin Preloger-Freund, M3; Kai Yang, M1; Julie Owen, M2; James M. Tracey, M2; Katherine Kelley, M2; Annie Huang, M2; and Medical College President and CEO John R. Raymond, Sr., MD.

Not pictured are Mallory Cohen, M2, and Ryan Jackman, M2.
When Steven P. Shelov, MD ’71, first learned he had been named Alumnus of the Year by The Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Medical Alumni Association, he was in Egypt, right before mass protests resulted in the resignation of President Hosni Mubarak. It wasn’t until he returned home to New York that Dr. Shelov fully realized he was receiving a school-wide tribute.

“I’m both overwhelmed and honored,” he said. “One does not realize when moving through one’s career that it could amount to something recognized as this important by the Medical College. The Medical College is very important to me as it was the only medical school I got into in 1967, so I owe my entire career to it.”

Dr. Shelov was a graduate of Yale University, but 1966 had been particularly competitive for medical school entry, he said. He and 12 other Yale classmates were not accepted anywhere they applied. Dr. Shelov credits Harvard graduate Gerald Kerrigan, MD, who was Dean at the time, for recruiting more Ivy League students, former classmate John Amatruda, MD ’70, who put in a good word, and the additional year of science coursework he took, for the opportunity to interview the following year at Marquette University School of Medicine.

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Last year, Dr. Shelov was named Associate Chief of Staff at the Steven and Alexandra Cohen Children’s Medical Center of New York and was recently asked to serve as Interim Chairman of Pediatrics. He also joined the faculty of the nation’s newest medical school – Hofstra North Shore-Long Island Jewish School of Medicine, where the first class of students will enter this summer. This is actually a reduced level of activity for Dr. Shelov, which gives him more time to spend with his six grandchildren, but it is part of a long history of dedication to pediatrics.

Serving the most vulnerable

During rotations at the former Milwaukee Children’s Hospital, Dr. Shelov acquired his passion for working with kids. He discovered the need for community pediatrics and decided on a fourth-year elective in public health. Under the watch of professor and mentor Frederic Blodgett, MD, he developed the first lead poisoning screening in Milwaukee.

“Through the project, he identified lead high-risk zones in the city so physicians could begin treating those children before their illnesses advanced. "We went to the head of the Milwaukee Health Department and started the lead poisoning screening program with a mobile van, using a process created in Milwaukee by scientists to use just a finger prick for the test," Dr. Shelov said. “We saw the correlation and began treating kids with elevated levels, and lead poisoning essentially went away in Milwaukee.”

This community-based approach to medicine was reinforced when Dr. Shelov chose a residency program in social pediatrics at Montefiore Medical Center and the Albert Einstein College of...
Medicine in New York. Rather than the typical inpatient approach to training, this program focused on the underserved, of whom there were many in the Bronx where Montefiore served about 800,000 children. The experience was the beginning of a 25-year commitment to the patients, students and residents there.

“I stayed on as junior faculty at Montefiore. Then I faced a choice,” he said. “Do I join a practice, or do I stay in the academic arena? I said, ‘I like teaching and academics way too much to be in private practice.’”

During 19 years as Director of Resident Education, Dr. Shelov was responsible for educating and certifying about 800 pediatric residents at Albert Einstein. In addition, he oversaw the education of 4,000 medical students through their pediatric clerkships. He rose through the ranks to Professor and Vice Chairman of Pediatrics. He was instrumental in the planning and design of a dedicated children’s hospital at Montefiore. Ground-breaking on the facility was just beginning in 1997 when Dr. Shelov left to pursue an opportunity he couldn’t refuse – Chairman of Pediatrics at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn.

Maimonides was the leading health care facility in Brooklyn, serving more than 1 million children, and it presented Dr. Shelov with the chance to truly build the pediatric program to a complete, children’s hospital-level program. It required a culmination of the skills he had accumulated to date. Here as well, Dr. Shelov took the lead in implementing a new children’s hospital at Maimonides. He led the department while continuing to teach until 2010.

**Medicine in the media**

Meanwhile, Dr. Shelov was becoming somewhat of a household name. He made multiple television appearances and for four years, was the pediatrics expert for *The Today Show*. About the same time, he was serving on the public education committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). He and the adult physician on *The Today Show* hatched an idea to publish a book from the AAP, geared toward parents, that assembled advice from the best physicians in the country. At the time, Dr. Spock was still the unofficial authority.

First published in 1991, and now in its fifth edition, *Caring for Your Baby and Young Child-Birth to Five* has sold over 5 million copies – the largest selling children’s health care book. Dr. Shelov is editor-in-chief of this, the official child care book of the AAP, as well as a spin-off: *Your Baby’s First Year*, now in its third edition.

“To me, the overriding principle is educating the next generation, whether its parents or medical students,” he said.

**New frontiers of teaching**

Education is Dr. Shelov’s primary focus at Cohen Children’s Medical Center and the new Hofstra medical school. He describes Cohen as the quintessential children’s hospital, with 175 beds and serving 5 million children over a seven-county radius. He is overseeing the pediatric residency program there and will serve as a master teacher and mentor for Hofstra medical students. As the author of a medical student text book and a health policy expert who has served several presidential administrations, Dr. Shelov has a lot to offer the new recruits.

He is looking forward to further developing the new, longitudinal curriculum that interweaves clinical experiences through all four years of medical school. Each student will be trained as an EMT at the outset of the M1 year, and during the first two years, they will serve in a community practice to learn how it works and then cross reference basic science with the clinical experiences they have.

“It’s non-traditional, but we think it will make more well-rounded medical students,” Dr. Shelov said. “Most significant for me, educationally, is working through a brand new medical school with brand new students, taking them through the process of becoming physicians with my experience at the Medical College still very close in my memory.”

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See a list of select honors and additional photos of Dr. Shelov at mcw.edu/Shelov

Dr. Steven P. Shelov (right) leads discussion with pediatrics residents at the Steven and Alexandra Cohen Children’s Medical Center, where he is Associate Chief of Staff.
When Susana, a Salvadoran woman living with HIV, first visited CONTRASIDA’s integrated health clinic in San Salvador, physician-founder Sister Mary V. Annel, MD ’71, MPH, asked her why she had come there when she was already enrolled in a public hospital system’s clinic.

“You people treat us differently – with respect and love,” she had said.

The sentiment echoes the values upon which Dr. Annel has lived her life and fashioned her career. For more than 30 years, she has served in Central America as a Maryknoll Sister and full-time public health missioner. For the last 17 years, she has dedicated herself to the equal and dignified care of people living with HIV/AIDS through what has become the Salvadoran Foundation for the Fight against AIDS “María Lorena,” commonly referred to as CONTRASIDA or “Against AIDS.”

Back in 1957, however, she was seeking a way to honor the faith and compassion with which she was raised while also nourishing her academic curiosities and eagerness to serve the global community. She decided to enter Maryknoll Sisters, the first group of Catholic sisters in the United States to devote their lives to service abroad. Next year will mark the 100th year of their founding.

“When I entered Maryknoll, with the hope of later becoming a doctor, I felt that this would be a way of responding in love to what I perceived as having been blessed with the overwhelming love of God and the abundant gifts I had already received – natural gifts of intellect and personal warmth, as well as my loving family,” Dr. Annel said.

Pursuing her long-term goal, she entered medical school as one of only six women in her class, graduating from The Medical College of Wisconsin in 1971. She followed her medical education with training at University of Southern California Medical Complex and a master’s in public health and tropical disease from Tulane University. Armed with the tools and desire to serve, Dr. Annel was assigned by Maryknoll to Jacaltenango, Guatemala, where she began a 15-year mission to improve health care in that region.

Sustainable care in Guatemala

Dr. Annel practiced in a rural, 60-bed hospital and trained more than 500 local health promoters who responded to the medical needs of their isolated communities. Some of these villages were 12 hours’ walk to the nearest bus, which took another eight to 10 hours to get to the nearest hospital.

“I found that I had a gift for teaching medicine simply to dedicated people who had not received much formal education, helping them organize their records and give quality care,” she said. “When I saw that their communities were healthier and the children better nourished, I counted that as my most significant success.”

Any success was far from easy, however. Dr. Annel was living in a war zone, and the local conflicts posed dangers and obstacles to her work for more than 10 years. The distances between the people and health care were prohibitive, as were language barriers. The official medical system in the cities was Spanish-based, but most of the indigenous population spoke a Mayan language. These tests helped guide Dr. Annel’s approach to effectively providing care.

“I believe that living and working within a centuries-old indigenous culture had the most impact on me personally, because I had to adjust my own spiritual and medical context to another cosmovision,” she said. “I learned to let walls disappear within me and to integrate prayer and action.”

AIDS research spurs mission

After the conclusion of her mission in Guatemala, Dr. Annel’s religious community drew on her public health training and experience to set a course of action...
Impact in El Salvador

Over the last 17 years, Dr. Annel’s work in El Salvador has concentrated on both treatment and prevention. Through 2010, she functioned as General Coordinator for the team of 22 full-time employees and 250 volunteers, as well as attending people living with HIV one day per week in the integrated health clinic. It is estimated that in El Salvador, there are between 60,000 and 80,000 people with HIV, many of whom do not know their status. Antiviral drugs are available for anyone who needs them and has the patience to wade through the overloaded public health system, but Dr. Annel said attitudes and stigma are what hinder treatment and prevention most.

CONTRASIDA provides medical care, advocacy, education, peer support, even meals and homework help. It does so with an emphasis on human dignity.

“Our AIDS Pastoral Accompaniment Program serves as a model of integrated attention for people living with the virus and their families, and we hope it challenges the public health system toward a more human alternative,” she said. “We attempt to keep people living with HIV integrated and active in their local community.

“CONTRASIDA has also had a great impact on HIV prevention, on helping young people change cultural patterns to avoid infection and on bettering gender equality.”

Some of their most effective techniques for prevention include the training of rural and urban “multiplier-teachers” to help disseminate factual information about HIV, theater presentations, and gender-based training to break cycles of prejudice, violence, fear and subjugation.

Dr. Annel’s role with CONTRASIDA changed this spring to one of “assessor” as she turned coordination of the organization over to a Salvadoran woman in a step toward sustained local management. She said she will maintain the spirituality and historical memory for the team while also continuing to provide medical care in the clinic weekly.

Also this spring, Dr. Annel was honored with the Alumni Association’s 2011 Humanitarian Award for a lifetime of service to the underserved.

“I feel very privileged because I maintain a deep affection for the Medical College and greatly appreciate the medical education I and my classmates received,” she said. “We were well-prepared for a future of service, and from the contacts I’ve maintained over the years, I know my classmates and I have fulfilled the College’s goal of training physicians who give quality medical attention with a loving heart.”

Reflection on the journey

“Throughout my medical career, the theme which has persisted has been my delight in serving people, especially the poor, with my medical skills and whatever gifts I have, as well as in seeing them take charge of their own lives. When I graduated from medical school and my public health training, I was interested in integrated medical care and community health, and I knew that I didn’t want to work with people who had terminal diseases. As I worked first in Guatemala and later in El Salvador, I found that I had a gift for medical education, as well as compassionate patient care, and that I enjoyed setting up a state-wide care system. The war in Guatemala found me training large groups of paramedics to respond to emergency needs, and facing the death of many of my young friends.

As the AIDS epidemic emerged internationally, I responded to that challenge, beginning AIDS work in El Salvador, and realizing that the war in Guatemala had prepared me to work with young people who were dying from this terrible disease. Our reality changed when the Global Fund for AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria made it possible to have antiviral medicines available for people with AIDS, and people began living long enough to worry about getting jobs to survive. The challenges continue as we learn more about the long-term effects of antiviral treatment and how to give integrated care, as well as finding ways to help people change their sexual conduct and their future.”

– Mary V. Annel, MD ’71, MPH
Local ENT’s dedication, innovation still evident after almost 50 years in practice

Nearing a half-century in medicine, Ronald J. Darling, MD ’62, GME ’67, doesn’t keep busy. He is busy. Although he performs much less surgery than in previous years, the longtime Waukesha-area ENT still practices full time while also exploring new techniques and technologies to improve patient care.

“Along the way, I have discovered some tools that have helped improve specialty care for ENT patients,” he said. “My interest has always been in helping my patients get better.”

Years ago, Dr. Darling was one of the first otolaryngologists to observe signs of gastroesophageal reflux in patients with sinus conditions, and to improve sinus problems by treating the reflux. He has conducted numerous collaborative studies with Medical College of Wisconsin investigators, and he remains involved in research by recruiting patients eligible for clinical trials conducted in the Medical College’s Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

Early in his career, Dr. Darling worked with Professor and former Chairman Robert J. Toohill, MD ’60, to establish the Voice Clinic in what has evolved into the Department of Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences at the Medical College. Such strong ties in clinical care, research and teaching have been hallmarks of Dr. Darling’s career.

His dedication to the Medical College, and as an alumni ambassador, earned him the 2011 Distinguished Service Award from The Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Medical Alumni Association.

“I was really surprised by this honor,” he said. “I’m overwhelmed by it. I just never expected anything like that.”

Dr. Darling was a member of the full-time faculty in 1967 after finishing his residency training at the VA Medical Center and Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. Shortly thereafter, he began a private practice, now named the Moreland Ear, Nose & Throat Group. He remained involved as a part-time Medical College faculty member at first, and then continued as a volunteer Clinical Professor of Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences, interacting with departmental faculty and residents.

“I hope that I have been able to contribute a little bit along the way, and it certainly has contributed to me as a physician,” he said. “I just never wanted to walk away from this school since I finished.”

This September, Dr. Darling will be speaking to second-year medical students about careers in otolaryngology in hopes of stirring interest in the field. These opportunities to interact with students and faculty are among the reasons he has enjoyed practicing in the Waukesha/Milwaukee area his entire career.

Travel, he said, is for visiting his children in Seattle and Tampa. His commitment to the school is also reflected in his participation and leadership with the Alumni Association. Dr. Darling served on the Alumni Association Board from 2003-2009, including a one-year term as President of the Association in 2006-2007. He has been active in the planning of his Class of 1962 reunions.

He has been a frequent participant in other key events of the Alumni Association, including the annual Clinical Conference, and he supports the group’s efforts to begin forming relationships with future alumni while they are still students.

“I think that it is a fantastic alumni group,” Dr. Darling said. “It is fun working with them.”

Reflection on the journey

“When I started out, I thought I was going to be retired by now, but I wouldn’t know what else to do, quite frankly. I have talked to some people who have retired early and they said, ‘Ron, don’t do it.’ I tend to take that all to heart, and I would be lost if I just closed doors at this point. My health is good enough to stay with it, and I still look forward to Mondays. I justify it by saying I have all week to look forward to the weekend this way, and then it is nice to have the weekend end so I can come back to work.” – Ronald J. Darling, MD ’62, GME ’67
John T. Bjork, MD ’71, Fel ’76, was just beginning his M1 year at the Marquette University School of Medicine when Marquette terminated its sponsorship of the medical school. Rumors about the future proliferated, he said, and many of his classmates were concerned with the circumstances and what caliber of school they would now be attending.

The Class of 1971 experienced a series of changes, first with the restructuring of the school as an independent institution known for a few years as Marquette School of Medicine. Then in 1970, its name was changed to The Medical College of Wisconsin. As a result, Dr. Bjork was a member of the very first class to graduate from The Medical College of Wisconsin. Looking back, he wants alumni to view the change as positive and as an important part of the medical school’s 118-year history.

“One goal I have had in mind for the Alumni Association Board is to change attitudes and talk about the pride of being The Medical College of Wisconsin,” said Dr. Bjork, who was installed this spring as President of The Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Medical Alumni Association.

A gastroenterologist associated with Aurora Advanced Healthcare Milwaukee Digestive Disease, and on the clinical faculty of The Medical College of Wisconsin, Dr. Bjork joined the Alumni Association Board in 2007. He saw this role as a good way to foster connections between the Medical College and community physicians.

“I’ve always practiced in Milwaukee and had a relationship with the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology,” said Dr. Bjork. “I’m proud of what the medical school has done, and I wanted to publicize it. I thought it could provide a forum to talk about research accomplishments, clinical acumen, referral expertise – things MCW offers practicing physicians.”

Dr. Bjork has also taken an interest in the benefits provided to current medical and graduate school students by the Alumni Association. As president, he is looking forward to continuing to help fund student special events, travel for meetings, research projects and scholarships.

“We’re trying to establish relationships with students early in their careers, so that when they are alumni, they will work in harmony with the medical school and have pride in being alumni of The Medical College of Wisconsin,” he said.

In his field of gastroenterology, Dr. Bjork has enjoyed the constant evolution of medical therapies available to his patients and the success they have in treating many digestive diseases.

Advanced technologies have improved diagnostics. Capsule endoscopy, for instance, has enabled gastroenterologists to view actual images of the small bowel. Previously, they had to rely on X-ray contrast techniques.

The potential for disease prevention is also a rewarding aspect of his work. His practice includes many screening colonoscopies, which identify the need to remove premalignant colon polyps in at-risk patients. The resulting trend of the last 20-30 years, he said, is a lowering in the incidence of colon cancer.

Endoscopes are also being used in the minimally invasive eradication of Barrett’s esophagus, where the previous standard had involved invasive entry and sometimes organ removal.

“Not everyone with Barrett’s will get esophageal cancer, but it is a precancerous condition, and by eradicating Barrett’s, it would be preventing cancer in those patients at higher risk,” he said.

If you can’t find Dr. Bjork at the office, the best place to look is outdoors. Winter months are met with snowshoes and cross country skis. Spring and summer are for hiking and boating. Since moving to Waterford, Wis., 10 years ago with his wife, Kelly, he is active with the Waterford Waterways Management District, which serves to preserve the local Fox River and Tichigan Lake waterways.

Dr. Bjork also has a 1950s era collection of Lionel trains, presently packed away and awaiting his (eventual) retirement, unless his grandchildren get to them first.
Among friends


Chairman of Radiation Oncology at The Medical College of Wisconsin named Honorary Alumnus

For his exemplary work as a physician and his commitment to education, J. Frank Wilson, MD, was named an Honorary Alumnus of The Medical College of Wisconsin this year. Dr. Wilson is Chairman and the Bernard & Miriam Peck Family Professor in Radiation Oncology at the Medical College.

During his 37 years on the Medical College faculty, Dr. Wilson has taught 55 alumni who have graduated from the Radiation Oncology residency program. Five faculty members in the department are alumni.

Under his direction, the department has become one of the College’s areas of clinical and research excellence. Dr. Wilson is Director Emeritus of The Medical College of Wisconsin Cancer Center, which he headed from 1994-2000. He is an international authority on radiation therapy and a leader of research efforts to evaluate and improve the quality of cancer care in the state and nation.

Dr. Wilson has received two of his profession’s highest honors: the 2003 Gold Medal of the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology, an organization that he previously led as president, and the 2006 American College of Radiology Gold Medal for his distinguished service to the field.

Honorary Alumnus J. Frank Wilson, MD (left), with College President and CEO John R. Raymond, Sr., MD.
Class Reunion Photos

1946
(Seated, L-R): Constantine Panagis, Marvin Sattler, Frank Procopio, Kiesl Kaufman, John Sutherland.

1951
(L-R): Joseph Durst, John Frederick, Paul Lucas, Ergi Pesiri, Robert Reik.

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1976
(Seated, L-R): Domenic Pulito, Joan Gnadt, Marlene Mirassou, Daniel Leviten.

1981
(Seated, L-R): Rogerio Parreira, Lynn Moscinski, Jeffrey Gorelick, Thomas Taft, Kenneth Cross.
(Standing, L-R): Gregory Boulanger, John Fahey, Jerome Magolan, Margaret Motl, U. Michael Blaschke, Anthony Bonfiglio, Michael Barrett, Mark Jaroch.

1986
(Seated, L-R): David Olson, Tedd Cain, Thomas Charles, Jill Marten Hanna, Lori Gray, Mary Lewis, Michael Bottcher, Roger Gray, Jr.
(Standing, L-R): Gregory Rypel, Jeff Michalski, Anthony Melillo, August Accetta, David Cleveland, James Wright, Kenneth Reichert, Kenneth Phillips, Jr., Scott Jorgensen.
1991

(Seated, L-R): C. Rodger Hughes, Connie Richter, Jasna Jevtic, Reeni Abraham Karavattuveetil, Philip Regala, Gregg Olsen.

1996

(Standing, L-R): Sean Jochims, Gregory Miller, John Grogan, L. Eugene Daugherty, Thomas Heinrich, Christopher Long, Andrew Brayer.

2001

(Standing, L-R): Kevin Regner, Dawn Regner, Thomas Viehe, John Basarich, Jason Kurian, Matthew Dahlgren, Timothy Allen, Sarah Campbell, Amber Hildebrandt, Kristi Grall, Cresta Jones, Marie Dauenhauer, Lisa Uherick, Stacey Gardiner, Martha Binn, Quang Vo, Kay Theyerl, Mark Polentini, Megan Hambrook, Mark Johnson.
The Class of 1961 gathered in full regalia for their 50-year reunion, coinciding with The Medical College of Wisconsin’s May 20, 2011, commencement. Each alumnus received a commemorative diploma as part of their entry into the Golden Circle.

A Celebration:


1961

Ramon Bermudez gets ready to march in the processional as a 50-year alumnus at The Medical College of Wisconsin’s 2011 commencement.

George Gersch, James Janowiak and Eugene Sinclair adjust the hoods on their regalia prior to participating in the Medical College’s graduation ceremony.
On an afternoon in which he and his classmates stood before a crowded Milwaukee Theatre to be recognized for 50 years in medicine, Edwin “Bud” Montgomery, MD ’61, GME ’64, MA ’11, had another reason to rise from his chair a short time later. He had a new diploma to receive.

At The Medical College of Wisconsin’s 2011 commencement ceremony on May 20, Dr. Montgomery became the first person in College history to receive a new degree on the same day as his 50th medical school reunion. After two years of study in the College’s Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities, Dr. Montgomery earned his Master of Arts in Bioethics from the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

“A couple of professors in the program were amused (by the simultaneous accomplishments),” he said. “It was fun to see my old classmates and new classmates, as it were.”

Dr. Montgomery practiced pediatrics full time for 40 years. For more than half of that time, he was with Cedar Mills Medical Group in Cedarburg, Wis. From 1990 on, he was employed by Columbia St. Mary’s – first elected Chief of Staff for St. Mary’s Ozaukee, then for the entire system. Although retired from practice, he still serves as Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at The Medical College of Wisconsin, and is involved with ethics guidelines and decisions at Columbia St. Mary’s.

“I’ve always had an interest in ethics,” Dr. Montgomery said. “I’ve served on ethics committees and helped start one at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. I’ve been a member with Columbia St. Mary’s, now doing consultations. The background I have just acquired is certainly useful.”

Thomas May, PhD, Associate Professor of Bioethics and Medical Humanities and Director of the Graduate Program in Bioethics at the Medical College, was Dr. Montgomery’s advisor. He appreciated Dr. Montgomery’s contributions to the program as an involved student.

“Bud offered a valuable perspective in class discussions stemming not only from his significant experience, but also from his open-mindedness and willingness to consider alternate points of view,” Dr. May said. “Bud is never afraid to express when he disagrees, but is very open to reconsidering his opinions and to acknowledge the strengths of other perspectives. These are perhaps the greatest intellectual traits one could possess.”

Aspects of the program that Dr. Montgomery valued most included the collegial and close interaction with the faculty. The opportunity to engage with students from many professional areas – law, social work, medicine – was energizing, and he enjoyed the combination of classroom and online curriculum, he said. The program covers much ground, and Dr. Montgomery was able to explore areas of existing and new-found interest.

“My particular interest was in pediatric ethics, but another issue that I found important was distributed justice and allocation of health care resources,” he said. “I don’t think I learned the answers to that, but I learned how to think about it better.”

His master’s in bioethics is not the first post-medical school degree earned by this living example of lifelong learning. Dr. Montgomery completed his master’s in public health in 1964 at University of California-Berkeley, an effort motivated by his interest in adolescent medicine. In 1990, he received his master’s in business administration from Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management. Since he is not a golfer or tennis player, he said continuing his education is what he enjoyed outside of the office and into retirement.

Dr. Montgomery served this year on his 50th reunion committee with classmate Gilbert Wadina, MD ’61. He is married to Mary Jo. They have five adult children.

Reflecting on a decades-long career in pediatrics in southeastern Wisconsin, Dr. Montgomery says he continues to run into former patients and parents of former patients around town, and frequently is treated to a hug.

“It’s been a huge amount of fun,” he said. “It’s going to sound like a cliché, but it’s been very rewarding. I’m sorry I had to retire when I did, but it was time. I was 70 years old. I miss it more than I thought I would, but the time has been filled by going back to school and earning this degree.”
Grant supports new approach in geriatrics residency training

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation has awarded a $1 million grant to The Medical College of Wisconsin to support a new initiative focused on geriatric training for physicians in hospital-based residency or fellowship training programs.

The Foundation awarded grants totaling almost $10 million to support comprehensive projects in academic health centers to train physicians in geriatrics.

At The Medical College of Wisconsin, the Reynolds Foundation grant will be used to develop new approaches to residency training of hospital-based physicians to assure that physicians are prepared to care for older people in their respective specialties. The effort is led by Edmund H. Duthie, MD, GME ’80, Professor and Chief of Geriatric Medicine; Kathryn Denson, MD, GME ’99, Associate Professor of Medicine (Geriatrics/ Gerontology), and Deborah Simpson, PhD, Associate Dean for Educational Support and Evaluation.

The U.S. Bureau of the Census projects the number of Americans age 65 and older in 2030 will be 71 million, more than twice the number of American senior citizens in 2000. About 80 percent of the nation’s elderly population has at least one chronic medical condition.

“With the exception of pediatrics and neonatology, physicians in every specialty field of medicine are caring for an increasing number of elderly patients,” Dr. Duthie said. “We need to ensure that the next generation of physicians is grounded not only in their specialty field, but also in the special needs required to care for older patients.”

The new Medical College geriatric training initiative will engage 17 residency and fellowship specialty training programs to develop geriatrics education teams within each program that systematically develop, deliver, access and evaluate specialty-specific geriatrics instruction.

“This effort will align with the College’s student curricular innovation that is already underway,” said Dr. Denson.

Dr. Simpson said, “The Medical College’s residency and fellowship training programs, like our medical school curriculum, must integrate core concepts and principles from the sciences. The Reynolds award will allow us to work with each residency program to incorporate these concepts into case-based instructional sessions and to create point-of-care podcasts for anytime learning.”

The Medical College’s program is important, said Dr. Duthie, because no national requirement insists that medical students or residents spend dedicated time learning to treat older adults, even though their needs are unique. The College benefited from an earlier Reynolds grant supporting geriatric medical education, but it was not renewable.

“We are thrilled to be back among the Foundation’s grantee institutions, and additional philanthropy would be great for helping us sustain this effort,” he said. The College’s geriatric training initiative for physicians in hospital-based residency training programs is a companion project to a residency training initiative in primary care funded by the Wisconsin Geriatric Education Center through a five-year, Title VII Health Resources and Services Administration award – a collaboration with Marquette University.
If laughter is the best medicine, laughing about medicine is bound to have healing powers.

Recent graduate Theresa Camille Maatman, MD ’11, found it served as a perfect stress reliever and creative outlet during her medical education.

Dr. Maatman began creating comic strips about her life as a medical student during her M1 and M2 years. She and a friend drew comics together for a humorous outlook on situations they encountered in the classroom and in the hospital.

A natural artist, Dr. Maatman taught herself the art of comic strips with a do-it-yourself book. She also gathered ideas from family and friends and began regularly creating original comics during her last two years of medical school.

“Ultimately, it gave me a better perspective on what I was doing and helped me to keep light hearted,” she said.

One of the comic strips she created is a series called “Getting Out Alive,” which wittily illustrates medical student life through amusing observations, clever comparisons and word play. Although a snapshot of medical education in the 21st Century, the subject matter is mostly timeless and likely to feel familiar to most medical alumni. Dr. Maatman credits her family and classmates for her ideas, in particular her friend Sheryl Uyeda, MD ’11.

Now beginning an internal medicine residency at Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals, Dr. Maatman hopes to continue creating comic strips, but fears lack of time may be an obstacle. Her future plans include the possibility of primary care practice, but she said she is keeping her options open.

“I really like treating adults, and I like the wide variety that internal medicine provides,” she said.

Dr. Maatman is from Manitowoc, Wis. She completed her undergraduate degree in microbiology from Michigan State University.

Beginning with this edition, ALUMNI NEWS will regularly feature a comic strip from Dr. Maatman’s series, “Getting Out Alive.” Look for new installments in future issues of the magazine and online at mcw.edu/alumni.
1960s

Peter M. Sanfelippo, MD ’65, opened an occupational medicine practice in Tyler, Texas, after recently earning a Master of Science in Environmental Sciences. He had been in surgical practice for 40 years. He became certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine in Occupational Medicine in 2010.

1970s

John M. Amatruda, MD ’70, was appointed Chair of the Science and Medical Advisory Board of Metabolic Solutions Development Company in Kalamazoo, Mich. The drug discovery and development company exploits novel molecular targets to treat metabolic diseases. Dr. Amatruda was previously Vice President of Clinical Development for Metabolism, Atherosclerosis and Cardiovascular at Merck & Co., Inc., and also served as Vice President at Bayer Corp.

James T. Breeden, MD ’70, has been elected President-elect of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Dr. Breeden is President of the Carson Medical Group, in Carson City, Nev. He has practiced as an OB/GYN there for 35 years, and for the past eight years, has specialized in women’s office care and gynecologic surgery. Dr. Breeden was also Chief of Staff at Carson Tahoe Hospital, Chair of its OB-GYN department, and a 10-year member of its executive board.

1980s

Janis Orlowski, MD ’82, was honored with the College of Engineering Service Award from the Marquette University Alumni Association in April. Dr. Orlowski is Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C. There, she is developing a regional distributed care network by integrating several clinical, research and educational programs from Washington Hospital Center, Georgetown University Hospital and two other medical facilities. Additionally, she is bringing an obstetrical program to an underserved area in the district with the nation’s highest infant mortality rate.

Carol Meils, MD ’83, was awarded a Champion in Women’s Health Award for excellence in cardiovascular disease by the Wisconsin Women’s Health Foundation. Dr. Meils is the retired former Chief of Cardiovascular Services at Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-All Saints in Racine, Wis. She helped develop the system’s congestive heart failure program.
in Racine and later in Milwaukee. She has served as Director of Cardiac Catheterization at Wheaton Franciscan-St. Joseph Campus in Milwaukee and Director of the Cardiovascular Institute at All Saints. She was also Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at The Medical College of Wisconsin and board member of Physician’s Insurance Company of Wisconsin.

Beth Erickson Wittmann, MD ’84, GME ’88, was honored for outstanding volunteerism and community leadership by the Women and Girls Fund of Waukesha County in May. Dr. Erickson Wittmann is Professor of Radiation Oncology at The Medical College of Wisconsin and specializes in the treatment of gynecologic cancers, gastrointestinal cancers and tumors of the eye.

R. Matthew Walsh, MD ’85, has been named Chair of the General Surgery Department of the Digestive Institute of Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Walsh served as interim department chair since November 2010 and has been in the Department of General Surgery at Cleveland Clinic for nearly 20 years. His interests are in minimally invasive and pancreatic surgery, as well as surgical education.

Joe Layde, MD, GME ’86, has been elected President of the Wisconsin Psychiatric Association and will serve a two-year term. Dr. Layde is Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine and Vice Chair of Education in the department at The Medical College of Wisconsin.

Steven Simonson, MD ’86, was recently appointed Vice President of Clinical Development at Agennix AG, a biopharmaceutical company. Dr. Simonson will lead the company’s sepsis development program with talactoferrin, an oral therapy being developed for non-small cell lung cancer and severe sepsis. Prior to the appointment, Dr. Simonson held several senior positions at AstraZeneca, and also had several academic positions at Duke University Medical Center.

Michael Illingworth, MD ’88, is in private OB/GYN practice in Fresno, Calif. He is also a referee for high school football. He and his wife have four daughters and two grandchildren.

1990s

Paul C. McCormick, MD, GME ’90, was named President of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. A member of the organization since 1992, Dr. McCormick previously served one year as President-elect and three years as Treasurer. He has been on the staff of Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center since 1990. In 2006, he was appointed Professor of Clinical Neurological Surgery at Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons. His research, clinical and teaching interests focus on evaluation and management of disorders of the spine and spinal cord, including tumors and vascular malformations.

Joseph E. Kerschner, MD ’90, was elected President-elect of the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology in May. He previously served as ASPO Secretary. Dr. Kerschner is Interim Dean and Executive Vice President and Professor of Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences at The Medical College of Wisconsin.

Naomi Shields, MD, GME ’92, was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Shields is in private practice in Wichita, Kan., specializing in the foot and ankle, and serves as Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

David Gourlay, MD ’97, Fel ’06, received the Brave Heart Health Care Award from the American Red Cross in Southeastern Wisconsin. The award honors individuals who have prevented life-threatening situations from occurring, contributed to the safety of others, or saved a life. Dr. Gourlay is Assistant Professor of Pediatric Surgery at The Medical College of Wisconsin and Medical Director of Trauma at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. He is also a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves.

George H. Waxter, MD ’97, spent the last year in Tasmania in a locum tenens position as a hospitalist in outpatient clinics while also teaching medical students and trainees. Prior, he held a year-long locum tenens post in Hawaii.

Adrian Miranda, MD ’98, GME ’01, received the basic science Junior Investigator Award at the 9th International Symposium on Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders held in Milwaukee. Dr. Miranda is Associate Professor of Pediatrics (Gastroenterology) at The Medical College of Wisconsin. His research focuses on visceral pain and functional bowel disorders.

Scott M. Jensen, MD ’99, is in solo family medicine practice in Queen Creek, Ariz. He and his wife, Debra, have five children.

2000s

Jeff Huebner, MD ’01, is a full-time family physician and East Clinic Site Chief at Group Health Cooperative in Madison, Wis. He serves on the state legislature’s Special Committee on Health Care Reform Implementation and is a founding member of the National Physicians Alliance.

Matthew C. Carnahan, MD, GME ’02, recently moved to Bodega Bay, Calif., and is Chief of Ophthalmology in Santa Rosa, Calif., as well as Chair of Chiefs of Ophthalmology for Northern California Kaiser, part of The Permanente Medical Group. He and his wife, Erica, have three children.

Amitpal Johal, MD ’03, welcomed his second child on May 3, 2011, a son named Aamar. Dr. Johal is an advanced endoscopist at Geisinger Medical Center near Danville, Pa. He is also an Assistant Clinical Professor at Temple University School of Medicine.

Travis Groth, MD, GME ’08, Fel ’09, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Urology at The Medical College of Wisconsin and to the medical staff of Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin.

2010s

Timothy P. Bruce, MD ’10, is finishing his first year of residency at Naval Medical Center near San Diego. He has been selected for Undersea Medical Officer training at the Naval Undersea Medical Institute in Groton, Conn., and Panama City, Fla.
IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI NEWS accepts and publishes obituaries of Medical College of Wisconsin, Marquette School of Medicine, and Marquette University School of Medicine alumni.

Joseph G. Constantino, MD ’40, of Hanover, Pa., died Dec. 8, 2010. He was 96 years old. He served as a major in the U.S. Army during World War II and was an Aviation Medical Examiner and flight surgeon. After his military service, Dr. Constantino entered private practice in internal medicine in New York City. In 1973, he was appointed Corporate Medical Director of Pan Am Airlines and served in the position until his retirement in 1983. He was a delegate to the Industrial Council for Tropical Health at Harvard University and served as a member of the Medical Advisory Panel to the Federal Aviation Administration. Dr. Constantino was a past president of the Airlines Medical Directors Association and was a Senior Consultant in Tropical Diseases for the New York City Department of Health. He was a published author and a member of many medical associations. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen.

Richard H. Driessel, MD ’41, of West Bend, Wis., died Sept. 10, 2010. He was 94 years old. Dr. Driessel was a major in the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving for four years in Africa, and later practiced aviation medicine. He was a member of the Luxembourg Society of Wisconsin, Luxembourg American Cultural Society, Washington County Historical Society, and West Bend Art Museum, among other organizations. His survivors include his wife, Margaret; one son; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter.

William A. Mudge, Jr., MD ’44, of Marquette, Mich., died Feb. 9, 2011. He was 93 years old. Dr. Mudge served in the U.S. Army as a general duty medical officer from 1945-1947, attaining the rank of captain. He then served at the Hines, Ill., VA hospital and later as Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at Marquette University School of Medicine in Milwaukee (now The Medical College of Wisconsin). From 1959 to 1972, Dr. Mudge was on staff at Milwaukee County General Hospital before moving to Marquette, Mich. He was a member of many organizations, including the Wisconsin Governor’s Task Force on Education, the Wisconsin Heart Association, the Upper Peninsula Health Systems Agency, the Marquette-Alger Planned Parenthood, the Lake Superior Hospice Association and the American Society of Internal Medicine. Dr. Mudge enjoyed meteorology, canoeing, camping, bird watching and photography. His survivors include five children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Hobart R. Wood, MD ’44, of Matthews, N.C., died Aug. 10, 2010. He was 90 years old. He practiced as a forensic pathologist.

Anthony J. DiStefano, MD ’45, of Auburn, Mass., died Oct. 21, 2010, at his home. He was 91 years old. Dr. DiStefano was a World War II U.S. Army Veteran. He worked as a general surgeon in private practice in Worcester, Mass., for more than 50 years, and was on staff at Worcester City Hospital and the former Doctor’s Hospital before retiring in 2009. He was a member of the American Medical Association, a past president of the former UNICO Club, and he enjoyed golfing. Dr. DiStefano was preceded in death by his wife, Helene. His survivors include four children (including Deborah R. DiStefano, MD ’76, GME ’80), eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Alumnus elected President of Wisconsin Medical Society

Internal medicine physician and geriatrician George M. Lange, MD ’75, was inaugurated as the 158th President of the Wisconsin Medical Society on April 8. He will serve a one-year term.

In his inaugural speech, Dr. Lange encouraged physicians across Wisconsin to complete Power of Attorney for Health Care documents and talk with their family members about their health care wishes.

Throughout more than 30 years as a Society member, Dr. Lange has served many roles, including Chair of the Board of Directors, Chair of the Board of Directors Finance Committee, Chair of the Board of Directors Executive Committee and Society Treasurer.

Dr. Lange cares for patients at Columbia St. Mary’s Westgate Medical Group in Milwaukee and is on the medical staffs at Columbia St. Mary’s Health System and Froedtert Hospital.

A Clinical Professor at The Medical College of Wisconsin, he also serves on the Board of the Wisconsin Hospital Association and volunteers at the Greater Milwaukee Free Clinic.

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More Medical College of Wisconsin alumni and faculty elected to leadership positions with the Wisconsin Medical Society at mcw.edu/wms2011
Michael G. Polka, MD '45, of Weaverville, Calif., died April 15, 2010. He was 95 years old. He practiced general medicine.

Milton A. Cornwall, MD '46 (November), died July 29, 2009. He was 87 years old. He served the U.S. Army as a captain in the medical corps in Germany, where he became fluent in the German language. He then practiced in Baldwin and Amery, Wis., before co-founding the Hudson Clinic in 1950. He also became an adjunct professor of medicine at the University of Minnesota Medical School, teaching family medicine residents. In 1973, he began working for HealthPartners in St. Paul, Minn., continuing until his retirement in 2005. He was a member of the Hudson Masonic Lodge No. 56 as well as the Osman Shrine Club in the Twin Cities. Dr. Cornwall enjoyed traveling and reading history books aloud to his wife. His survivors include his wife, Lois, and two children.

William J. Madden, MD '46 (March), GME '58, of Racine, Wis., died April 20, 2011. He was 92 years old. After serving in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, Dr. Madden practiced as an obstetrician and gynecologist and founding member of the Kurten Medical Group in Racine, Wis. He retired in 1986. Dr. Madden was active in the community and medical organizations, serving on many social services boards and medical societies. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed music, gardening, reading and watching the Green Bay Packers. His survivors include two sons, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, and a daughter.

Thomas A. Noone, MD '47, of Haddonfield, N.J., died Feb. 4, 2011. He was 86 years old. He practiced obstetrics and gynecology at Cooper Health System in New Jersey and served as the Director of the High Risk Pregnancy Clinic at Lourdes Medical Center, where he served as President of the medical staff. He was also Chief of Obstetrics at Virtua Health System hospitals in New Jersey. He practiced medicine for 54 years before retiring in 2002. Dr. Noone was a Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American College of Surgeons. He was a former chairman of the New Jersey State Maternal and Child Welfare Committee, and a member of the American Medical Association, the American College of OB/GYN, the Association of Professors of Gynecology & Obstetrics and the New Jersey and Camden County Medical societies. He was a founding member of the Diocese of Camden Family of Life Bureau. His survivors include his wife, Peggy, eight children and 12 grandchildren.

Richard R. Bolin, MD '48, of Wheaton, Ill., died Dec. 23, 2010. He was 85 years old. Dr. Bolin served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy and graduated from medical school at age 23. He practiced and taught psychiatry in Chicago, where he was affiliated with the University of Illinois, Rush Medical College and Northwestern University. Before retiring, he served as Medical Director and Senior Staff Psychiatrist at the Center for Mental Health in Anderson, Ill., where a building is named after him. He was a Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. He loved art, music, cats and nature. His survivors include two daughters and one grandson.

Stephen Hanson, MD '48, of Asheville, N.C., died Nov. 19, 2010. He was 86 years old. Dr. Hanson served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as a medical officer and surgeon, attaining the rank of captain. Dr. Hanson was Chief of Pathology at Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Coatesville, Pa., and Chief of Laboratory Services at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Elsmere, Del., for 25 years until retiring in 1996. He served as President of the Delaware Pathology Society, President of the Chester PA Medical Society, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Advisory Committee on Lab Procedures and on the College of American Pathologists House of Delegates. His survivors include his wife, Norma, three children and four step-children.

Harry T. Hidaka, MD '49, of Wichita, Kan., died Oct. 30, 2009. He was 87 years old. He practiced family medicine. His survivors include five children and 11 grandchildren.

John W. Docksey, MD '50, GME '55, died Dec. 12, 2009, in Billings, Mont. He was 87 years old. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was discharged in 1946 as a lieutenant, but re-commissioned in 1951. He joined the Willmar Clinic in Minnesota in 1956, and practiced medicine and surgery until his retirement in 1989. He performed surgery in various Minnesota and South Dakota hospitals, often traveling in his single-engine airplane. Preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn, his survivors include eight children and 18 grandchildren.

Kenji Kurita, MD '50, of Modesto, Calif., died Jan. 10, 2011. He was 87 years old. He served as a medical orderly while being held in a government internment camp, which prompted his pursuit of a medical career. Upon release, he served as a U.S. Army medical technician at a base hospital at Fort Riley, Kan., before enrolling in medical school. After his training, he practiced as a staff surgeon at Modesto State Hospital in California, and later entered into a general surgery private practice in 1960. He retired in 1987. Dr. Kurita was a member of the Stanislaus County Medical Society and American College of Surgeons. He was a Medical Officer of the U.S. Naval Reserve for 20 years. He enjoyed traveling, golfing, landscaping and fishing. His survivors include his wife, Joyce, and three sons.

Glenn A. Stokdyk, MD '51, of Fort Worth, Texas, died Dec. 26, 2010. He was 86 years old. In 1964, Dr. Stokdyk joined the former Bond Radiological Group (now the Radiology Associates of Tarrant County) in Fort Worth, Texas, where he practiced until his retirement. He loved boating and was a 20-year member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. He also volunteered as a deputy with El Paso County Sherriff's Reserve, troop leader for Boy Scouts of America, and a board member for Saginaw – Eagle Mountain Independent School District. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn, and is survived by four children and a granddaughter.

Robert C. Olson, MD '53, GME '66, of Davenport, Iowa, died Dec. 18, 2010. He was 83 years old. His survivors include three children, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Philip Stutsman, MD '54, of Lutz, Fla., died Sept. 15, 2010. He was 95 years old. He practiced internal medicine. He is survived by his wife, Lillian.

Richard C. Froede, MD '55, of Tucson, Ariz., died Feb. 9, 2011. He was 81 years old. Dr. Froede served in the U.S. Air Force for 21 years and retired as a colonel. Upon retirement from the service, he taught pathology at the University of Arizona Medical School for 11 years. He also served as Chief Medical Examiner for nine Arizona
counts. Dr. Froede spent five years in Washington, D.C., as a civilian Distinguished Scientist in Forensic Sciences and was named the country’s first Armed Forces Medical Examiner. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Suzanne, two children and one granddaughter.

James C. Allen, MD ’59, died April 10, 2011, at his home in Madison, Wis. He was 82 years old. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corp from 1952-1954, then practiced ophthalmology at the University of Wisconsin where he was Professor and at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison until 2000. During retirement, he became an advocate for veterans with vision impairment. He succeeded in having lawmakers change U.S. Code so that combat veterans blinded in one eye can receive the benefits of a fully blinded veteran if they begin to lose sight in the other eye later in life. The Dr. James C. Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act was signed into law in 2007. Dr. Allen’s survivors include his wife, Kathryn, and two sons.

August W. Pingpank, MD ’59, of Alpine, N.J., died Nov. 2, 2010. He was 77 years old. He practiced pediatrics.

John A. Ecks, MD ’60, died Nov. 22, 2010, from complications of prostate cancer and a stroke. He was 75 years old. After beginning practice in Chicago, Dr. Ecks became Chief of Adult Inpatient Services at San Diego County Mental Health in 1968. In 1971, he entered private practice in Coronado, Calif. He served on many hospital staffs, worked at the local Veterans Hospital, and was also Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California San Diego where he taught and mentored residents. Dr. Ecks served as President of The San Diego Psychiatric Society and became a member of the American Psychiatric Association. He advocated for protecting the environment and enjoyed biking, swimming, classical music, opera and playing chess. His survivors include his wife of 48 years, Dorothy, four children and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son.

Glenn Bratcher, MD ’61, of Miami Township, Ohio, died June 9, 2010. He was 74 years old. Dr. Bratcher was an Associate Professor of Otolaryngology at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. He was a Coast Guard veteran and member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. His survivors include his wife, Judith Heck, three children, two step-children and eight grandchildren.

John F. Wallerius, MD ’61, of Green Bay, Wis., died April 15, 2010. He was 78 years old. Dr. Wallerius served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany, before being discharged as a first lieutenant. In 1965, he joined Green Bay Radiology, where he practiced until his retirement in 1989. During his career he served as Chief of Staff of St. Vincent’s Hospital, Chairman of the Department of Radiology and as Secretary of the Brown County Medical Society. He enjoyed traveling in his RV and living seasonally in Florida. His survivors include his wife, Dorothy, six sons, and 18 grandchildren.

Charles J. Locher, MD ’62, GME ’68, died March 19, 2011, in Milwaukee. He was 76 years old. Dr. Locher served as a radiologist at Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital, Aurora Sinai Medical Center, Glendale Clinic and the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center, all in Milwaukee. He was a Past President of the Roentgen Ray Society. He enjoyed golf and fishing, and was an avid stamp and coin collector. His survivors include his wife of 48 years, Delores, eight children and two grandchildren.

Thomas C. Werner, MD ’66, died Dec. 11, 2010, from cardiac arrest. He was 73 years old. Dr. Werner was the Chief of Staff at Dameron Emergency in Stockton, Calif., from 1977 to 1990 and was Medical Director of Student Health at University of the Pacific. Toward the end of his career, he practiced geriatric medicine. His survivors include five children, 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ernest L. Burnell, MD, GME ’67, of Delavan, Wis., died Dec. 19, 2010, at his home. He was 78 years old. A former colonel in the U.S. Air Force, Dr. Burnell practiced radiology at Aurora Lakeland Medical Center in Elkhorn, Wis., for more than 20 years before his retirement. His survivors include two children and one grandchild.

Mark A. Hansen, MD ’79, of Madison, Wis., died Dec. 18, 2010 at his home. He was 57 years old. Dr. Hansen practiced at the East Clinic of Dean Health System in Madison, Wis. An avid fitness enthusiast, he volunteered his medical services to local high school athletic programs and the Special Olympics. He enjoyed traveling and photography.

Thomas M. Rowe, MD ’83, GME ’87, of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., died May 5, 2011. He was 60 years old. Dr. Rowe served as a medical corpsman in the U.S. Navy from 1970-1974. He practiced obstetrics and gynecology for four years in West Allis, Wis., before moving in 1991 to Door County, Wis., where practiced until retirement. Dr. Rowe was known for his sense of humor and political rants. His survivors include his wife of 37 years, Kathleen, four children and two grandchildren.

Katherine M. Dillig, MD ’84, GME ’87, of Milwaukee, died Nov. 27, 2010, of a suspected heart attack while walking her dogs with her husband. She was 56 years old. Dr. Dillig practiced Emergency Medicine for 26 years, working at various hospitals including Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center, Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-Elmbrook Memorial Hospital, St. Joseph’s Hospital, and other hospitals in West Allis, Hartland, Wales and Beaver Dam, all in Wisconsin. Her survivors include her husband, Thomas Treul, and seven children. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Thomas Dillig.

Franciscus “Franz” Vanderpool, MD ’86, died March 26, 2011, in Osage Beach, Mo. He was 56 years old. Before attending medical school, he served in the U.S. Navy as a medical corpsman in Korea and Japan. While in medical school, he served in the National Guard for six years as a captain. He practiced Emergency Medicine at Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach for 23 years. He enjoyed traveling, deep sea fishing, music and boating. He also loved Harley-Davidson motorcycles and was a member of Harley Owners Group. His survivors include his wife, Denise, and four sons.

Gina Anderson, MD ’96, died unexpectedly Jan. 25, 2011, in Jersey City, N.J., of a cardio-pulmonary embolism. She was 45 years old. Following residency at University of Texas Southwestern, Dr. Anderson joined the university as a member of the teaching faculty, practicing obstetrics and gynecology. For the six years that followed she was Assistant Professor of OB/GYN at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark.
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The Wisconsin Board Review Course in Geriatric Medicine
27.25 Category 1 AMA/PRA Credits™
Lake Geneva, Wis.
Contact: Zoe Wolf
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(414) 955-7090

24th Annual Update in Primary Care
14.0 Category 1 AMA/PRA Credits™
Oct. 6-8, 2011
Egg Harbor, Wis.
Contact: Sue Goodman
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(414) 805-0819

Extra-Esophageal Reflux Disease The Future: Diagnosis and Treatment
2nd International Conference
16.75 Category 1 AMA/PRA Credits™
Milwaukee, Wis.
Contact: Diann Fiscus
dfiscus@mcw.edu
(414) 805-5609

30th Annual Breast Imaging Conference
17.0 Category 1 AMA/PRA Credits™
Oct. 23-26, 2011
Orlando, Fla.
Contact: Colleen Pedersen
colleenp@celticchicago.com
(847) 647-8919

Recent Advances in Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation: Evidence-Based Decision-Making
3.25 Category 1 AMA/PRA Credits™
Dec. 9, 2011
San Diego, Calif.
Contact: Renee Ryan
rryan@nmdp.org
(612) 884-8430

ALUMNI EVENTS

Specialty receptions
American Academy of Otolaryngology
San Francisco, Calif.
Sept. 12, 2011
American Society of Plastic Surgeons
Denver, Colo.
Sept. 25, 2011
American Society of Anesthesiologists
Chicago, Ill.
Oct. 10, 2011
American Academy of Ophthalmology
Orlando, Fla.
Oct. 23, 2011
American College of Surgeons
San Francisco, Calif.
Oct. 24, 2011
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
San Francisco, Calif.
Feb. 10, 2012
American Academy of Dermatology
San Diego, Calif.
March 17, 2012
American College of Physicians
New Orleans, La.
April 19, 2012

Symposium for Senior Physicians
Oct. 11, 2011

2012 REUNIONS

ALUMNI WEEKEND
May 4-5, 2012
Events will include the Alumni Banquet at the Pfister Hotel, presentation of awards, tours, CME and special class dinners.

50-YEAR REUNION
May 18-19, 2012
Class of 1962 reunion will be held in conjunction with The Medical College of Wisconsin’s 2012 Commencement weekend.

ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC
Aug. 15, 2011
The 17th annual Medical College of Wisconsin Alumni Scholarship Golf Classic will take place at Broadlands Golf Club in North Prairie, Wis.
Proceeds from this event fund medical student scholarships at the College. Since 1995, the golf classic has provided $246,000 in scholarships to 137 medical students.
Call: (414) 955-4781 for more information

CLINICAL CONFERENCE ’12
Feb. 27-March 2, 2012
The Alumni Association is sponsoring a 2012 Clinical Conference at the Resort at Marina Village in Cape Coral, Fla.
Educational sessions for CME credit are scheduled, and a variety of recreational activities, including tennis, swimming, hiking, biking and boat rentals are available. Social receptions are also planned.
For registration information
Call: (414) 955-4781
E-mail: alumni@mcw.edu

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

2012 Alumnus/Alumna of the Year
The person selected for this award will have achieved professional success leading to peer recognition. Areas may include, but are not limited to, clinical teaching, academic medicine, research or leadership in professional societies. Volunteer work and financial support of the Medical College are not criteria for this award.
Fax or E-mail your nominations to:
(414) 955-6699    alumni@mcw.edu

2012 Humanitarian Award
Eligible for nomination are alumni who have, throughout their careers, demonstrated a significant humanitarian commitment in their medical practice or volunteer activities.
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