Welcome, Anne Reagan
The Dept of Pediatrics is excited to announce the arrival of our new Pediatric Psychologist, Anne M. Reagan, Psy.D. And the Crier is excited to share this exclusive interview we had with Anne:

“I am happy be returning home to Syracuse, and to be joining the great team at Golisano Upstate Medical Center. I earned my doctorate in Clinical Psychology at Wright State University in Dayton, OH. Prior to that, I completed undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Early Childhood Education at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA. My training background focuses on child and adolescent psychology, with a subspecialty in pediatric psychology. I recently completed a fellowship in pediatric psychology at Akron Children's Hospital in Akron, OH. During fellowship I completed clinical rotations in Hematology/Oncology, Rehabilitation, and Developmental Assessments in addition to covering the general Consultation/Liaison service which was the foundation of the fellowship.

I grew up in Syracuse, and graduated from Fayetteville-Manlius High School. This past fall, I moved back to Syracuse with my fiancé and we are getting married this September. We are excited to be here and become involved in the Syracuse community! I am looking forward to working with all hospital staff to provide the best, evidence-based interventions to our patients and families in an effort to promote psychological well-being that improves adherence to medical treatment.

I look forward to working with you soon.” -Anne Reagan, Psy.D.

Our Fulbright Scholar
Congratulations to our very own Dr. Bill Kerr who is the recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship. As Dr. Welch explained, the scholarship “will fund a sabbatical he will be taking in France, working at the immunology institute in Marseilles. He will be continuing his studies of the expression of SHIP in lymphoma cells, and the possible use of SHIP analogues to promote NK cell attack of these cells.”

The Fulbright Scholar Program is the United States flagship academic exchange program of the US Dept of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). The Fulbright Scholarship Program sponsors U.S. and foreign participants for exchanges in areas such as the sciences, business, academic, public service, government, and the arts. Approximately 800 U.S. faculty and professionals are sent each year to 140 countries to lecture, teach and conduct research.

J. William Fulbright was an American statesman of the 20th century. He served for thirty years in the U.S. Congress and was distinguished by his unequaled contribution to international affairs and marked by his tenure as the longest serving chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He was noted to have had profound influence on America’s foreign policy, and his vision for mutual understanding shaped the extraordinary exchange program bearing his name. His legislation establishing the Fulbright Program passed the Senate by unanimous consent in 1946. The first participants in the Fulbright Program went overseas in 1948, funded by war reparations and foreign loan repayments to the US. The program continues to have great impact around the world. And to think that our department will now be playing a part! Congratulations, again, Dr. Kerr.

Party at the Dinosaur!
The residents and several faculty members enjoyed a wonderful night out at the Dinosaur BBQ on Friday, February 5th for the Annual Mid-Winter party. Meanwhile, back at the hospital, the attendings took good care of all of the patients. Most of the residents were able to make it to the party thanks to the faculty who offered to cover.

Khalia Grant (PL2) took this picture of Dr. Andrake graciously getting signout from her so she could go to the party. And, seriously, it was the residents who asked that we mention how much they appreciated him and the other attendings covering for them.

It was great seeing such a good turnout from among the faculty. There also four former residents who joined the festivities: Angela Pericozzi, Jenica O’Malley, Caitlin Stiglmeier, and Brian Tran (not pictured).

The food was, of course, amazing. Music was provided by our own pediatric DJ, Melissa Jones, so everyone could dance the rest of the night away. It is so important to note, again, that all of this was possible thanks to the generosity of our Pediatric Faculty who sponsored each of the residents and their guests. Thank you all for your support to our residents! And also a special thanks to Vanessa Orrego and Sara Tarolli. Without all of their hard work, none of this would have been possible.
Going for the Gold!
Congratulations to our own Dr. Beth Nelsen and Dr. Zafer Soultan who were both notified that they are recipients of a Gold Standard Award for their “commitment, passion and dedication to her work, and to the values of Upstate.” They will be recognized at the Celebration of the Faculty, on Wednesday March 16th.

Go SU; Go Child Life!
The month of March is Child Life Month. The Child Life team will have all kinds of special activities and events, but one that none of us will want to miss is “Theme Day”. Tuesday, March 8th is going to be SU Day and Child Life is turning it into a contest. The highest percentage of staff dressed in their SU apparel per unit will win a "snack attack basket". The Crier will be looking for some of the best team pictures to include in the April issue along with being able to announce who the winner is (so we all know where to go for snacks). Go, teams!

The Father Daughter Ball
The 14th Annual Father-Daughter Valentine Ball on Feb 9th was not only a success for all the fathers and daughters, but for the GCH as well raising over $30,000. Pictured are the lovely Seidberg ladies who danced the night away with their dad (who apparently managed a night away from the PICU)

Hats Off to Lisa
Hats off to Lisa Blystone who had several extra balls of yarn, and decided to use them to make winter hats that she donated to the refugee center. Needless to say, the beautifully knitted colorful hats were a big hit to the patients who received them. Thank you, Lisa, for sharing your yarn and your talents!

Belated Welcome, Baby Scott
A belated congratulations to Katy Scott on the birth of Isla Scott who was born on 11/9/15 at 7 lbs 1 oz. Katy tells the Crier that Isla joins big sisters Amelia (4 yrs old) and Anna (2 yrs old).

Welcome, Lydia Sophia Gorski
Former resident and faculty member, Derek Gorski, celebrated the arrival of Lydia Sophia. Derek tells the Crier, “Yes, we did have a new addition to the family- a healthy, baby girl- Lydia Sophia Gorski was born at Crouse on January 20th. She's named for both of our grandmothers. She weighed 7 lbs on the dot and was 20 1/2 inches. Both mom and baby did amazingly!” Congratulations, Derek!

Welcome, Yusuf Umair Masood
Congratulations to Iram Ashraf on the arrival of baby boy Yusuf Umair Masood on Feb 27th at 8 lbs 14 oz (picture coming soon)

The Resident Anti-Stress Boxes
Though February 11th was hospital-wide resident appreciation day it wasn’t until a few weeks later that the Peds residents got some of their appreciation gifts. One of the surprises had to be postponed due to the bad weather. But on Thursday, February 25th four of the students from the Word of Life Christian Acadmey, the school that has adopted the GCH this year, stopped by to drop off the appreciation boxes that they and their classmates created for our residents.

The presentation was made by Rhyan Egan (3rd grade), Nina Tangredi (4th grade), Madilee D'Elia (5th grade), and Jonathan Salmonsen (6th grade) along with their teacher Rachelle Salmonsen, and school administrator Carmen Durst.

The homemade Anti-Stress boxes were filled with all kinds of goodies that the kids thought might come in handy whenever the residents were having a particularly stressful day. It even included a book of encouragement that the kids put together for them. The box will be kept in the resident lounge. Thank you to all of the students at the Word of Life Christian Academy for their thoughtfulness and encouragement!

1st Annual Peds sub dermal implant training
On 2/24, several Peds residents (along with Drs. Brad Olson and Ellen McHugh) took two hours out of their busy lives to listen to a presentation and then practice sub dermal contraception. Dr. Teelin tells the Crier, “I have to thank Vanessa for inspiring this, and Drs Welch and Kennedy for supporting the idea. Offering this training puts our residency program on the cutting edge. Subdermal contraception lasts three years, is highly effective, private, and does not depend upon user adherence or on insurance coverage once it’s been placed. It is both more effective and less expensive than other forms of contraception. The contraceptive CHOICE project data showed that teens were more likely to stick with this method, and that its use reduced both teen birth and abortion rates. And teen pregnancy prevention is an achievable and cost effective means of poverty prevention, not to mention its impact on school failure and childhood disease.”

Year 10 in El Salvador
Once again this year, a team of Peds Faculty, residents, nurses and students joined the Young Life Team on their 10th Annual trip to El Salvador. Brooke Fraser was kind enough to give us the full report (See story online).

MARCH BIRTHDAYS
3/8 Megan Campbell, Sarah Morse
3/10 Helena Gutierrez
3/11 Anuja Khettry
3/15 Ben Prince
3/17 Amanda Rohlfling
3/19 Nader Atallah
3/20 Maureen Butler
3/21 Katie Lewinter
3/25 Ann Botash