A Jolly Good Peds ID Fellow

Next time you call Peds ID for a consult, you may hear a new voice on the phone. We are pleased to welcome our new Peds ID fellow, Dr. Hassan El Chebib. In an exclusive interview, Hassan told the Crier: “I grew up in the United Arab Emirates where I attended high school and then moved to Lebanon to continue my studies and earned my M.D. degree in 2007. Before finishing my residency in Pediatrics past June, I did a couple of years of basic science research. I’ve been married happily to Sara and we have our little Celine. In my free time, I like to catch up on anything related to technology, both medically and otherwise. Movies/series, especially when it comes to sci-fi and fantasy (any GoT fans?) is something I really enjoy watching and reading about. The pediatric side of me (all of us has some of that) loves video games and my daughter joins in on the fun. Traveling, food (food network FTW), reading, soccer (Chelsea fans, anyone?) are other things I enjoy in my leisure time. I look forward to working with you all!!”

Intern Retreat, 2014

Our 13 no-longer-new interns all enjoyed a lovely day and overnight in Skaneateles for the 2014 Intern Retreat at Stella Maris’s Retreat Center on Oct 2-3. The interns along with Zach and Elsa March, enjoyed dinner on Thursday night at the Blue Water Grill in Skaneateles. Birthday cake was provided for Sarah Marsh. Sarah tells the Crier, “My husband and child were the only non-interns. They were a last minute addition - my fellow interns took pity on me because they wanted me to see my husband and daughter longer than 30 minutes on Thursday. It was much appreciated. I can’t thank them enough”. The rest of the evening was spent relaxing and playing some intense games like Taboo, into the wee hours of the night at Stella Maris. There’s probably more to that story but, as Sarah put it, “what happens at Stella Maris stays at Stella Maris” The next morning they were joined by the program directors for activities which of course included the longstanding egg drop contest. We are pleased to announce that two of the teams managed to successfully package their eggs for a safe landing. Congratulations to the Jones/Kaimth/Naimi team, and to Team Pinnamaneni/Kreiger/Grant. They are considering challenging last year’s winners on a finalist play-off. Another highlight (or low-light depending on how you look at it) was having all 13 interns stand on a small blanket and try to flip it over without anyone getting off the blanket. Judging from the video that was anonymously submitted by one of our associate program directors, it does not appear that there were any winners in this particular event. (See movie online at http://www.upstate.edu/gch/education/images/criernov.mp4)

Overall, everyone had a great time and got to know their fellow interns a little bit better.

Activating Communities: Grassroots Inclusive Fitness in CNY

The Fitness Inclusion Network (Fit-IN), co-presented by Upstate Medical University, held its second annual fitness conference on Friday, Oct. 10 at WCNY on Fayette St. One of the main organizers of the event was our very own Nienie Dosa, MD, MPH, who is also a member of the Fitness Inclusion Network (Fit-IN).

Over 120 people attended the conference including many community leaders some of which included community organizers, executive directors and director of athletics from several school districts, the director of Challenger Field of Dreams, the YMCA inclusion coordinator, the commissioner of parks and recreation and our very own Syracuse City Common Councilor, Nader Maroun. Also in attendance were directors of many area programs and local wheelchair athletes who brought in several different types of adapted sports equipment to be displayed and tried by anyone interested. There were also several wheelchair athletes who were highlighted in the film, Changing Sports, Changing Lives, produced by ESPNs Dennis Deninger who was also in attendance.

Our AAP Resident Rep

One of our three AAP resident reps, Ryan Kwong, was able to make it to the AAP National Conference & Exhibition from October 11–14 in San Diego. Note his fashionable AAP man-bag.

GCH’s Everyday Hero

Congratulations to Sarah Irish who was featured in the Fall 2014 Issue of Children’s Hospitals Today. She was nominated by Margaret Nellis and was selected from among all other
nominations nationally. Everyone who has worked with Sarah will agree that this was a well-deserved honor. See full article at http://www.upstate.edu/gch/education/images/crierov1.pdf

4th Annual Pumpkin Winners
The GCH hosted its 4th annual pumpkin decorating contest. The competition was stiff as a large number of incredibly creative entries were submitted. In the end, four winners were chosen: Individual Grand Prize: Crazy Cat Lady and Friends-created by Laura Roth Individual 2nd Place: Fall Fun-Robin Grabowski and Cheryl Kardjian Group Winner Grand Prize: Wild Things-11E Pediatric Surgery Group Winner 2nd Place: Olaf-11G Pediatric Hematology/Oncology

If you missed the fun, keep an eye out for the December snowman contest.

Triple A Donation
Many thanks to AAA - Liverpool office for their generous donation of over 230 new books, coloring books, boxes of crayons and other fun things to the Family Resource Center (FRC) that were distributed at the GCH Halloween parade. Pictured with the donation is Michelle Brown, Wendy Schumacher AAA, Tayna Carter AAA and Mary Laverty. Thanks to Lorie Ridel for the picture.

Piggie and Elephant Visit the GCH
Thanks to the Syracuse University Bookstore for sending author Mo Willems' characters "Piggie and Elephant" to the GCH to help celebrate National Children's Book Week. They also brought books to give to the patients. Mary

Lavery tells the Crier that the beginning reader series of books featuring Piggie and Elephant won the coveted Geisel Award in 2014 which is given to the most distinguished American book for beginning readers in the US during the preceding year.

Last (Wo)Man Standing
The Resident Assassin game came to a dramatic ending on October 2nd when Caitlin Stiglmieier dealt the fatal blow to the second-to-last standing resident, Joyce Saliba. Congratulations to Caitlin for a job well done (not necessarily one to include on a CV). And thanks again to Jeremy for a great game suggestion.

Crouse Tribute Evening
The Crouse Tribute Evening on Sept 19th was a big success. The event, which was subtitled, “Young at Heart,” was a Sinatra-inspired evening held at the Onecenter. The event was a tribute to the Peds Cardiologists. Pictured from left to right are Drs. Craig Byrum, Matthew Egan, Frank Smith, Daniel Kveselis, and Nader Atallah. They were all recognized for their "significant contributions to Crouse Hospital and the thousands of lives they positively affect each year with their life-saving care". For more details and lots of pictures of the event: http://www.crouse.org/give/foundation/events/tributeevening2014/

Clowning Around
Shortly after their big night, several of the cardiologists were spotted shaking a leg with Ronald. See if you can pick out the real clown(s).

(For additional clowning around see online edition) (welch)

In the News:
On October 8th, News Channel 9 ran a story on eating disorders and featured our very own Dr. Karen Teelin as an expert on the subject. You can view the article on the Channel 9 website: http://www.localsyr.com/story/d/story/2-i-thaca-girls-are-redefining-beauty-one-whiteboar/16923/H-6Oy1EcSE-MULPEDQ2XWg

Our very own Jana Shaw was featured in numerous publications, including JAMA, and on the local news as our local authority on Enterovirus-D68, http://upstateline.org/static/Oct16-Oct232014/blog/upstate-introduces-catering-to-you-program-for-patients/index.html


NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS
11/1 Irene Cherrick
11/8 Joe D., Manika S.
11/9 Regina McConnell
11/10 Beth Krieger
11/15 Jay Peacock
11/20 Mirza Beg