Developing News

While Dr. Welch fully covered this in his weekly newsletter, the news is too big to not headline it in this issue of the Crier. As of Monday, September 17, Henry (Hank) Roane, Ph.D. has become the director of our Center for Behavior, Development, and Genetics. Dr. Roane has also assumed our newest endowed chair, the Gregory Liptak Chair in Child Development.
(http://www.upstate.edu/gch/education/liptak/)

As if that isn’t exciting enough, as of 9/17 Dr. Roane’s clinical operation is now based in an entirely new entity called the Kelberman Behavior and Feeding Program. It is a joint program of the GCH and the Kelberman Center (http://www.kelbermancenter.org) which is a Utica-based program for children with autism. Dr. Roane’s wife, Heather Kadey, MS will play a key role on the new center’s team using her skills with managing severe behavioral feeding disorders. The Roanes and their team will lead an expansion of the new center as a regional resource for the behavioral therapy of children with a broad range of disabilities, as well as a national resource for research and education in this area.

This is only the beginning of some exciting plans and new initiatives that should be coming to light in the coming months. For now, we warmly welcome Dr. Roane to his new role in our department and will look forward to seeing all of the new proposed plans as they begin to unfold.

Dr. Welch ended his announcement of all of these exciting changes and developments with the following acknowledgement:

“Finally, I must acknowledge one whose imprint is all over this program, Greg Liptak. Actually, Greg and I began some discussions about the Kelberman relationship shortly before his last days on site here. Hank and Greg worked together, and shared some patients. Greg’s presence at Upstate really put us on the national map in child development. I am trusting Hank to continue and enhance Greg’s legacy by ultimately creating a broad community program for children with developmental disabilities which will be recognized as a national model and center of excellence.”

Welcome, Dr. Andrea Dvorak

We have yet another new faculty member to introduce to you this month. The Division of Peds Hem/Onc proudly welcomes Dr. Andrea Dvorak. Dr. Dvorak shared the following:

Hi, it is great to be back in Upstate NY and to get a chance to work at Golisano. I started my medical training here and left 6 years ago. I first went down to Geissinger Medical Center in Danville, PA (or as I affectionately refer to it “the middle of nowhere PA”) to complete my Pediatrics residency. After Pennsylvania I moved to the Midwest and completed my Heme/Onc fellowship at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. I will admit that while out there they converted me to a Badgers fan, but not a cheese head. When the time came to start looking for a job I thought it would be nice to return to somewhere that I actually know people, and I have very happily returned to Syracuse.

Because I feared I would not be busy enough as an attending, once moving here I have also joined my mom in opening an antique shop, and that has been a lot of fun. In the rest of my spare time I love getting outside (gardening, biking and hiking), going to sporting events and I find cooking and baking a great stress reliever.

Editor’s note: Before anyone asks, Andi tells the Crier that the antique shop is called Nothing New Antiques and Collectibles and is located in Manlius on West Seneca St.

Thank you and welcome again, Dr. Dvorak.

Introducing Our Two New Clerkship Directors

You may have heard the news that Dr. Botash has stepped down from her role as Clerkship Director and that Drs. Anne Sveen and Karen Teelin will become our new co-directors starting this month. Dr. Sveen tells the Crier, “As of October 15th, we will be taking over the medical student clerkship leadership from Ann Botash. As many of you know, Anne Sveen is returning to this role after a hiatus of about 4 years. She was previously clerkship director from 2006 to 2008. Anne is a graduate of Colgate University, SUNY Upstate Medical University and also completed pediatric residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University in 1997. She has been on faculty at Upstate..."
since 2000. She has a special interest in pediatric dermatology.
Karen received her undergraduate training at Haverford College. She was a high school math teacher in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She then attended University of Massachusetts Medical School and then completed residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University in 2011. She is completing an adolescent medicine fellowship.
We both love teaching, pediatrics and spending time with our children. We are excited to take on this responsibility and continue to move the clerkship forward. We are equally as excited to work with Carol and Jay on this venture.
We look forward to working more closely with the pediatric faculty, community pediatricians as well as the university faculty as a whole.”

AAP Takes an Upstate LEAPP
The GCH and, specifically, the LEAPP program was well represented in the September issue of the AAP’s SOMSRFT District II Newsletter with an article entitled, “Look before you LEAPP: Spotlight on the Golisano Children’s Hospital, Syracuse” by our very own Shelly- Ann Williams. (link to crieroct1.pdf). Shelly- Ann tells the Crier, “There is a monthly newsletter from the district and they asked that we pick a month when we would want to write a short piece on something that was unique to our program. I thought it would be nice to talk about our LEAPP protocol and so I worked with Dr Nelsen to get some of the history of it and sent it in.”
Congratulations, Shelly-Ann. Great job!

Global Health
Aamer Imdad represented the department once again with a poster presentation he gave at the 2012 Global Health Symposium at CHOP on Sept 21-22. Aamer had a great time at the conference and felt that people showed interest in his work and appreciated it. He commented that while “Global Health” is a growing field that many academic centers are now incorporating into their curriculum, “our department has been doing the same for years”. Congratulations again, Aamer.

Roopa Goes to the NIH
We received the following exciting announcement from former resident, Roopa Shankar who recently completed her Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship at the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital: "I have joined as a clinical fellow at the Developmental Endocrinology Branch at the NICHD, NIH. I will be working on clinical research protocols and seeing patients with some rare genetic/endocrine issues and am truly excited to be a part of some cutting edge clinical research and working with renowned mentors in this field." Wow, congratulations, Roopa!

The 2012 Intern Retreat
On September 20 and 21, the interns made their annual disappearance as they headed to Stella Maris Retreat Center on Skaneateles Lake for the annual intern retreat. The interns had Thursday night to themselves and as Caitlin put it, “We went to the Sherwood Inn! It was lovely; we sat on the enclosed porch and all had a great dinner! The food was so great, and we talked so long we shut the place down!”

The next morning the program directors joined them for some fun and games, and the annual save-the-egg contest. Unfortunately, no eggs survived the event. But thankfully all of the interns did.

The Pediatric Olympic Night
The Crier received the following news tip from Steve Hicks: “Earlier this month we wrapped up the Syracuse Youth Running Program - a free summer-long series that introduced Syracuse children to the sport of track and field through relay games and modified track events. A number of residents helped out with the program, including Tri, Tristan, Vanessa, and Caitlin. Dr. Blatt also attended. We had nearly 75 participants including several children from our clinic. I've included a picture of the group from our Olympic Night, where each of the children represented their "country" in several track events and received participant medals courtesy of the Syracuse Track Club.” Congratulations to all our young runners and thanks to all our residents who helped make this possible.

Just Married!
Congratulations to Allison Martin who was married to Christopher Luhrs on August 31st at The Aurora Inn in Aurora, NY. We are so happy for Allison and Christopher, and wish them the very best!

In The News
If you happened to be tuned in to 93Q, at about 7:40 AM on Friday, September 14th you would have heard a familiar voice come over the airwaves as former resident and current Upstate Pediatrics physician Dr. Derek Gorski announced his proposal to his girlfriend. Before he even had time finish, the texts were flying, and several members of the department had their radios tuned in in time to hear that Cathrine had said “yes!”.

You can read more about it on the September 14th 93Q Ted and Amy Blog: http://www.93q.com/article.asp?id=2533203&SPID=31876
Congratulations, Derek and Cathrine!
In Memory
Patrick J. LaFrate, M.D. (Patrick “Dr. Pat” LaFrate, 85, of Manlius, passed away peacefully on Monday. He was a graduate of Fulton High School, Syracuse University, and Syracuse University Medical School. He completed his internship at Mary Hitchcock Hospital at Dartmouth and his pediatric residency at Upstate Medical Center. He was the first pediatrician in Oswego County practicing in Fulton, before moving his practice to Liverpool. He retired after 42 years of private practice. During his professional career he also served as Chief of Pediatrics at St. Joseph’s Hospital.

Pediatric Fine Arts
This month we feature the photography of one of our faculty members, Dr. Zafer Soultan. Make Way for Ducklings was taken in Boston and a picture taken in Egypt July 2012 that Zafer explains is of an old Sook (market) and an important shrine.

Upcoming Events:
Alyssa’s 5K Run/Walk - Sunday, Oct. 14 at the Country Music Park, 1804-24 Route 13, Cortland. Event day registration begins at 11 a.m.; kids fun run at 1 p.m.; 5K at 1:15 p.m. A portion of the proceeds benefit pediatric oncology services and the Child Life Program at Upstate Golisano Children’s Hospital. To register online, visit www.alyssasrun.org

Pediatric New Faculty Reception
Save the date for the department's annual welcome to our new faculty members at Stickley Museum in Fayetteville on Thursday, Nov 8 at 6:00 PM

2nd Annual Pumpkin Contest!
Join us Tuesday, October 30th for our 2nd Annual Pumpkin Contest in the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital, sponsored by our very own Child Life Program! There will be two categories: Group Pumpkin and Individual Pumpkin. Pumpkin submissions will be accepted on October 30th from 10:00 am until 11:00 am and voting will take place from 11:00 am until 4 pm in the Kinney Performance Center on the 11th floor of the East Tower. There will be fresh donuts, cider and coffee to enjoy too! Great prizes will be awarded to the best pumpkin in each category. Contestants must supply their own pumpkin and materials. Call or e-mail Sarah Irish (464-5310 or irishs@upstate.edu) for a flyer or more details.

Halloween Treats at the GCH
The GCH seeks employees and volunteers to hand out Halloween goodies to patients on Wednesday, Oct. 31 at 10:30 a.m. (BYO goodies). Volunteers will be assigned a treat stop, should arrive by 10:25 a.m., and be able to stay for about 90 minutes. Costumes are welcome, but no masks or scary costumes. To participate, call Regina Lozito at 4-3665, lozitor@upstate.edu by Oct. 22.

Photo Caption Contest!
Yes, it is that time again. First year resident, Lindsay Tamborelle submitted the following picture of Jake and Lola. The picture really could use a good caption. Submit your entries to mondorep@upstate.edu by October 13th.

The best caption submitted will get a prize and be published in the next Crier!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS
10/1 Jenny Lin
10/11 Katharine Chang, Sue Sheffield
10/15 Alicia Pekarsky
10/16 Vicki Keeler
10/20 Caitlin Stiglmeier
10/22 Howard Weinberger
10/23 Frank Smith
10/27 Chris Malabanan
10/30 Lindsay Tamborelle