

12/1943

Robert Seidenberg of Syracuse, NY, was honored by the Mental Health Association of Onondaga County with a Lifetime Achievement Award. This was the first time the association gave a lifetime achievement award.

1947

Warren Winkelstein, Jr., of Point Richmond, CA, writes his beloved wife of 32 years, Veva, died in her sleep on September 15, 2004.

1952

Ronald A. Miller of Syracuse, NY, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Onondaga County Medical Society.

1956

James P. Giangobbe, of Litchfield Park, AZ, was contacted by *Sports Illustrated* (Teen Issue) to help with a tragic steroid story. The story appeared in the October 2004 issue.

1958

George S. Goldstein, of White Plains, NY, is the co-founder of ManKind Company (NASDAQ), a newly public development-stage company specializing in the delivery of inhaled peptides, such as insulin. Dr. Goldstein writes that all is well with his family, including his three daughters, his granddaughter, Katie, and his wife, Shirley, who is the sister of **Jud Roher '56**.

1959

Andrew C. Sabey of Coronado, CA, writes he has retired after 40 years of solo practice in internal medicine in San Diego and Coronado. Dr. Sabey would enjoy hearing from any classmates living nearby or visiting the area.

1961

Irwin Schlesinger of Syosset, NY, is actively practicing neurology in Great Neck, NY. Dr. Schlesinger sees **Jack Cohen '61** and **Robert Rabinowitz '61**.

1965

Peter J. Adasek of Colorado Springs, CO, continued with a lot of traveling in 2004. Dr. Adasek had two visits to Little Falls, NY, once in February when the pipes on his 200 year old house froze and burst and then again in the Fall to watch the leaves change. Adasek spent four months in Europe, initially in the Czech and Slovak Republics and later to Austria, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Holland. On June 1, 2004, he gave a talk at a Czech

Pediatric Conference in Slavkov u brna, where he was happy to be awarded honorary membership in the Czech Medical Association and Czech Pediatric Society for his 14 years of volunteer work. Adasek writes, "I hit 65 years young, as did many of you, and first celebrated with Czech friends in Prague, then had another party with relatives and friends in a castle in Slovakia."

1968

Richard J. Feinstein of Miami, FL, just finished his 30th year in practice in Miami as a solo practice dermatologist. His daughter, Rachel, 34, an artist, lives in New York City with her husband, artist John Currin, and 14-month-old son, Francis. His daughter, Lisa, 31, a veterinarian, married a corporate lawyer and has a three-month-old daughter, Kate. His wife, Daria, works in his office helping perform drug studies and takes care of Kate, who lives nearby in Broward County. Dr. Feinstein writes, "Life is good here in warm south Florida."

1970

Steven Metzger of Fayetteville, NY, and his wife, Karen, proudly announce the birth of their first grandson, Aaron Foster Falik, born on September 18, 2004. Aaron joins sister, Rebecca, age three. Dr. Metzger and his wife have three additional granddaughters, Allison, 7, Emily, 4, and Gabrielle, 1. Steve and Karen have three daughters: Marcie Metzger Nadler, Debbie Metzger Falik, and Leslie Metzger Levin.

1972

David B. Tyler of Fayetteville, NY, writes his two children, Christy and David, both recently married. His first grandchild was born in June. Dr. Tyler has been chairman of surgery at Community General Hospital for 19 years and continues with active surgical practice.

1973

Gregory A. Threatte of Manlius, NY, is a 2006 delegate to the Medical Society of the State of New York.

1975

Robert J. Kasulke of Watertown, NY, is the part-time medical director of the Jefferson County Public Health Service. Dr. Kasulke is also an Army Reserve brigadier general and commander of the 8th Medical Brigade, a staff physician at the Veterans Affairs clinic operated by Carthage Area Hospital, and the medical director of the Gouverneur Correctional Facility.



Peter J. Adasek, MD '65, with Down Syndrome children at an orphanage in Otnice, Czech Republic.

Did you live at 710 or 714 Irving?

The houses at 710 and 714 Irving Ave. are slated for removal to make way for the new University Hospital East Wing Expansion and Children's Hospital. We are interested in identifying people who lived in the houses during their medical school days. There may be a small commemorative event. We would also be interested in any anecdotal memories former residents might have for publication in the *Alumni Journal*. Contact Carole Novick, 315/464-4361, novickc@upstate.edu.

Anthony Scalzo of Fayetteville, NY, was appointed chief of the Department of Medicine at Crouse Hospital. Dr. Scalzo is a partner in Hematology-Oncology Associates of CNY and has practiced at Crouse since 1982.

1976

Mark A. Schimelman of Clifton Park, NY, writes that although Shelly and he both had major surgery this past year, they are both healing well and happy. Shelly had an ependymoma at C2 and he had a corneal transplant.

1978

Robert Fulop of Short Hills, NJ, is in his second year as president of the Academy of Medicine of Richmond. His oldest son is graduating from Syracuse University in May.

Joseph Monkofsky, Jr., of Syracuse, NY, is the past-president of the Onondaga County Medical Society.

Andrew D. Weinberg of Columbia, SC, was mobilized in May 2004 as a Navy Flight Surgeon and is now serving in Iraq with members of his Marine Corps helicopter squadron, HMM-774 out of Norfolk, Va. Dr. Weinberg has served in the Naval Reserve for 17 years and holds the rank of Captain. In his "other life," he is professor of medicine at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and director of geriatrics and extended care at the Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia. He may be contacted at weinbergad@mfr.usmc.mil.

1979

David Duggan of Skaneateles, NY, is Governor for the New York State American College of Physicians this year.

Marc Subik of Huntington, WV, writes he left the VA Hospital in Huntington and joined the multi-specialty group Holzer Clinic based in Gallipolis, Ohio, in gastroenterology.

1982

Thomas A. Bersani of Skaneateles, NY, is a 2006 delegate to the Medical Society of the State of New York.

Arthur P. Vercillo of Fayetteville, NY, is the president-elect of the Onondaga County Medical Society for the 2004/2005 year.

1984

R. Brian Shambo of Lowville, NY, opened a family medical practice in Copenhagen, NY.

Michael G. Sheehan of Fayetteville, NY, is a member-at-large of the executive council of the Onondaga County Medical Society.

Brian P. Wicks of Silverdale, WA, is starting his second year as secretary-treasurer of Washington State Medical Association and his sixth year as president of his 60-doctor multi-specialty group. Dr. Wicks writes, "Family is all doing well. One and a half years till empty nest, yippee!"

1986

Richard A. Rubin of Slingerlands, NY, was named senior vice president for medical affairs and chief medical officer for Seton Health. Dr. Rubin holds an MBA from Boston University. Before joining Seton Health, he was in private practice in Albany and Delmar and held numerous medical staff leadership positions at St. Peter's Hospital.

Michael Sipple of Fayetteville, NY, was elected president of the department of medicine at Crouse Hospital. Dr. Sipple is a partner in Syracuse Gastroenterological Associates and has practiced at Crouse Hospital since 1991.

1987

John R. Wanamaker of Syracuse, NY, is the president of the Onondaga County Medical Society for the 2004/2005 year.

1991

Mary Ellen Greco of Syracuse, NY, is a member-at-large of the executive council of the Onondaga County Medical Society.

1992

Douglas and Jane Bennett have relocated from Larchmont, NY to Pittsford, NY, where they live with their three children, Rachel, 11, Jess, 7, and Justin, 4. Jane is head of neuroradiology at Burg Imaging and Doug will continue in the practice of pediatrics.

Brian Meltzer of Pennington, NJ, is producing two off-Broadway shows: *Jewtopia*, currently running at the Westside Theater (www.jewtopi-apply.com) and *Beast on the Moon*, set to open in New York in April. "Always striving to take a big bite out of life," he writes.

Peter Rosenfeld of Roanoke, VA, is partner in Radiology Associates of Roanoke and a commander in the United States Naval Reserves. Dr. Rosenfeld has three children.

1993

Suzanne F. Skinner of Seattle, WA, and her husband, Barry White, had a baby boy, Kieran Thomas White, on June 25, 2004. Dr. Skinner is working at Federal Way Community Health Center, outside of Seattle, doing family practice including obstetrics.

1994

Cherilyn White of Cortlandville, NY, is employed by the Family Health Network of Central New York. Dr. White provides a full range of family medicine services for male and female patients of all ages. White has a particular interest in maternity care, women's health including colposcopy and LEEP, adolescent and sports medicine, pediatrics, and geriatrics care.

1995

Christine E. Fuller of Millington, TN, is a neuropathologist at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Her research focuses on the molecular characterization of pediatric brain tumors.

Meka and Kenneth Harris of New York, NY, write, "We are the happy and exhausted parents of twins, Ryan and Carly, born October 14, 2004. Ken's father, **Michael Harris '70** feels strongly now that the tradition will continue..."

Seth Jacobson of Rochester, NY, has been appointed medical director of the cardiac rehabilitation program at Newark-Wayne Community Hospital. In addition to his appointment, he is also the medical director of the Rochester Heart Institute Cardiac Rehabilitation and Fitness Program.

1996

Paul E. Perkowski of Baton Rouge, LA, and his wife, Cheryl, are thrilled to be expecting their second child. Their daughter, Nicole, is 16-months-old.

1997

Jamie Coleman of Burdett, NY, has established a private practice at the Montour Falls Primary Care and Family Health Center, where he treats every member of the family, from babies to grandparents. Dr. Coleman is a native of Watkins Glen and returns after having been stationed in Afghanistan as a flight surgeon with the U.S. Army.

Melvyn Bert, MD '67

A Vision for Tibet

Because of the high altitude and a lack of sunglasses and hats, the people of Tibet develop cataracts at a very young age. "Typically, people develop cataracts by their early forties and go blind," says Melvyn Bert, MD '67, a San Francisco ophthalmologist.

For the last 10 years, Dr. Bert has been working to change that. He's one of the founders of the Tibet Vision Project (www.tibetvisionproject.org), established to provide high quality surgical care for Tibetans and training for Tibetan surgeons. The non-profit, non-governmental organization is funded solely by individual donors, and provides training, surgical equipment, and medical supplies to Tibet, as well as medical care performed during their visits. "We're bringing things the Tibetans wouldn't otherwise have," says Bert, who has spent a month in Tibet almost every year for the last decade.

His first trip came at the invitation of a colleague, Marc Lieberman, MD, who had gone to Tibet on a Buddhist retreat and was troubled by the scope of the vision problems affecting the people there. When he sought to return to volunteer medical services, the Chinese Government required he bring along a professor. "I was the only professor he knew that he thought he could spend 30 days with," laughs Bert, who is clinical professor of ophthalmology at the University of California, San Francisco.

The trip was life altering. "The thing that impressed me immediately was the tremendous impact a single physician or two physicians could have on tens of thousands of people," says Bert. "The surgical procedures performed by the country's ophthalmologists were 40 or 50 years out of date and had only a 30 percent success rate.

In the 10 years since it's founding, Bert says the Tibet Vision Project has trained 18 eye surgeons in techniques of modern cataract surgery and intraocular lens implants, who in turn have operated on 12,000 to 15,000 Tibetans. "It's been pretty amazing for us," he says. "When we're not there, the surgeons that we've trained continue on with their surgeries."

Twice a year, two or three physicians from the Tibet Vision Project visit the country to teach teams of Tibetan ophthalmologists modern-day eye surgery. The groups travel from Lhasa, their home base, to outlying eye camps as far as 10 hours away. "There are hardly any roads in Tibet," says Bert, who directs the organization's Lhasa Eye Program. "We travel by land cruiser over river beds and rough paths to towns that haven't ever seen an ophthalmologist. And they've certainly never seen Caucasians."

The conditions are primitive, says Bert, who jokes he used to consider camping "a ground-floor room at the Holiday Inn with the window open."

"When there is electricity, it's usually a bare bulb hanging from the ceiling. The last time, the pull chain was broken so we had to attach a banana to the chain to keep the light on," he says.

On that trip, in June 2002, he was accompanied by his son, Benjamin, now a first-year medical student at Upstate Medical University. Benjamin's responsibility was to use a high-tech portable refracto-



Mel Bert, MD '67, is bringing modern-day eye surgery to Tibet through the Tibet Vision Project.

meter to measure the patients' eyes post cataract surgery. "This was the first time such an instrument was used in Tibet," says Bert. "With this instrument he was able to determine the amount of refractive error present after the surgeries. Of especial importance was the amount of astigmatism present post operatively since this could be reduced during the surgical procedure. The amount of astigmatism post operatively is influenced by the tightness of the suture tied by the Tibetan surgeons."

The organization's goal is to eliminate preventable blindness in Tibet through local resources by 2020. While that's still a long way off, each trip brings that reality closer and is enormously gratifying for those involved.

"I remember one man who was brought into the clinic after having surgery by one of the surgeons we had trained," Bert recalls. "We removed his bandages and he was just staring at his hand. I asked the translator to ask him what was wrong with his hand. The man replied that there was nothing wrong with his hand. He just hadn't seen it in eight years."

—Renée Gearhart Levy

Timothy Keenan of Sturbridge, MA, and his wife, Kristin, had a baby girl, Grace, born on November 7, 2004. Grace joins her big brother, Drew, 2. Dr. Keenan continues in private practice of family medicine in Sturbridge.

1998

Drew M. Caplin and **Sherri E. Putterman** of Floral Park, NY, had a baby girl in August of 2004. Sherri is in her third year of private practice of ob-gyn with fellow alumni **Jeffrey Miller '88** and **Susan Scavo '95**. Drew is chief resident in radiology and will be doing an interventional fellowship next year.

John DeFrancisco of Schenectady, NY, joined the medical staff at Saratoga Hospital.

Amy E. Freeth of Utica, NY, joined the Bassett Healthcare's division of endocrinology. Dr. Freeth completed a fellowship in endocrinology at Fletcher Allen Healthcare at the University of Vermont where she was also a clinical instructor. Freeth will see patients with diabetes, thyroid, pituitary, and other endocrinological disorders. Freeth also has a particular interest in obesity and will be a member of the bariatric team, evaluating patients who are considering surgical options to lose weight.

Eric M. Spitzer of Webster, NY, has joined Rochester Radiology Associates, PC, as a staff radiologist.

1999

Nancy Blake of Liverpool, NY, opened a solo family practice, Village Medical of CNY, in Liverpool. Dr. Blake offers same-day appointments and house-call services for patients who are homebound. Blake and her husband, Paul, have two children, Naomi and Adam.

David J. Patalino of Skaneateles, NY, has joined Syracuse Orthopedic Specialists in Dewitt.

Jennifer Roh and **John Hur** of Riverside, RI, write their daughter Jacqueline is three and they have another on the way. Jennifer is currently a general medicine attending at Brown and John is an orthopedics trauma fellow. They will be in New York City next year for John's joint fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery. "Drop us a line."

2000

Laura Dattner of Bronx, NY, writes that after a residency in pediatrics and a general pediatric academic fellowship, she has started as an attending at SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn.

Heather Green of Hamilton, NY, was welcomed as the newest addition to the Community Memorial Hospital staff at a reception hosted by the auxiliary of Community Memorial Hospital. Dr. Green will work at the hospital's family health center in Hamilton.

Leslie Woodcock, Jr., of Fayetteville, NY, is an ophthalmologist at the CNY Eye Center. Leslie, who joined his father's practice, said he chose this specialty because of his family's history in the field.

2001

Daniel Bauer of Manhattan, KS, writes he just finished his internal medicine residency with the army at Ft. Gordon, GA. Dr. Bauer is currently the Brigade Surgeon for the 1st Armour Division at Ft. Riley, KS. Bauer writes, "I won't be here too long as we are heading to Iraq very early in 2005."

Thomas J. Calogero, III, of Bayshore, NY, has been appointed to the medical staff at John T. Mather Memorial Hospital. Dr. Calogero practices at Wading River Family Practice in Wading River.

Heather J. Finger of Syracuse, NY, joined the family medicine practice at Lifetime Health's Central Square Health Center. In addition to family practice, she will also be providing obstetric care, from pre-natal services through delivery.

Todd Lentz of Syracuse, NY, joined Internal Medicine Associates of Auburn in September 2004, and serves as a hospitalist at Auburn Memorial Hospital. In this role, he works full-time within the hospital, providing inpatients with access to a physician at all times.

Allison Ruff Lucchesi of Tillson, NY, finished her family practice residency in Albany and joined a two-physician practice in Rosendale, NY. Dr. Lucchesi and husband, Rob, had a baby girl, Kendall Elizabeth, on March 22, 2004.

Anthony J. Sousou of Pittsford, NY, completed his internal medicine residency at the University of Rochester/Strong Memorial Hospital in June 2004. Dr. Sousou started his internal medicine practice in Rochester. Sousou married Kristyn E. Dattilo in September 2004.

Running for a Cause

Decades of medical and scientific research have proven beyond a doubt that running is one of the healthiest—if not *the* healthiest—form of exercise. It burns more calories in less time than any other exercise, improves cardiovascular health, and reduces the incidence of major lifestyle diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and high blood pressure.

It's not surprising then that many physicians run to improve health, maintain fitness, and control their weight. For some, it's more than that.

These two Upstate graduates have turned their passion for running into a means to fundraise for medical research. In a unique marriage of their personal and professional interests, these doctors are contributing to the health of others while keeping healthy themselves.

C.M. Franklin, MD '81

As a medical student at Upstate, C. Michael Franklin, MD '81 began running for exercise and to relieve stress. "I ran almost every day, even when it was snowing," he recalls. The year he graduated, 1981, he ran the Philadelphia marathon. Although he continued running, it would be nearly two decades before his next marathon.

In 1999, the Philadelphia Arthritis Foundation launched a Joints in Motion fundraising program to prepare runners for the 2000 Dublin (Ireland) marathon. Dr. Franklin, a rheumatologist in suburban Philadelphia, took up the challenge, raising more than \$40,000 individually.

"If I had any thoughts about backing out, they were eliminated by the fundraising because I couldn't accept all that money and



C. Michael Franklin, MD '81

then not do it," says Franklin, who says the marathon was a great experience for a worthwhile cause. "There were people running the whole way who were pushing kids with rheumatoid arthritis in wheelchairs. It was very motivating," he says.

Franklin is chief of rheumatology at Abington Memorial Hospital, a large teaching hospital in the Philadelphia suburbs. He treats patients with various forms of arthritis as well as a gamut of autoimmune diseases. "I like the detective work," he says of diagnosing ailments that can be notoriously difficult to identify.

In his leisure time, Franklin runs a half marathon and a couple of 10k races each year, some times accompanied by his daughter, Erin, a scholarship runner at Wake Forest University who competes in both cross country and distance track. His other children

prefer the water. Daughter Ryan is the leading scorer for the Washington & Jefferson College water polo team. His youngest child, Michael, is 13 and an excellent swimmer.

Franklin is training to run the Philadelphia marathon again this fall. "The longer distance I run, the more I enjoy it," he says. "To me, it's almost like meditation. My wife jokes that it's mental illness."

Anthony Donatelli, MD '84

Anthony Donatelli, MD '84 was a high school and college athlete who "got chubby as a resident" and took up running as a way to fight back. When he turned 35, he ran his first marathon. He was hooked. Since 1998, he's run eight marathons on four continents, in venues as varied as South Africa, New Zealand, and Paris.

In the process, the Long Island family practitioner has raised \$35,000 as part of "Fred's Team" to benefit pediatric cancer research at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

"I was coaching my daughter's softball team and one of the girls was diagnosed with leukemia," says Dr. Donatelli. He got involved in fundraising to help her, which led him to Fred's Team.

Today, his daughter's teammate is a healthy college sophomore. Donatelli continues to support the cause. "It's a great way to do some good while doing something that I love," he says.

He's not the only one involved. Donatelli's oldest daughter, Allison, volunteered at Sloan Kettering this summer, providing support for Fred's Team. An athlete who played high school tennis, softball, and ran track, she now plays club softball at the University of Miami. Her sister, Jen, a high

school junior who also plays tennis, softball, and runs track, spent her summer pitching for the 18-and-under Long Island Breaker softball team. Their brother, Glenn, a high school freshman, plays football and baseball and has been a varsity wrestler since the eighth grade. Donatelli coaches the team.

"I couldn't do it all without the complete support of my loving wife, Carrie," he says.

In fact, he left a group practice and went out on his own to have the freedom to schedule his practice around his family's athletic events. Says Donatelli, "I'm either working, at one of my kids' games or tournaments, or I'm running myself."

That includes some great travel. Donatelli plans to run the 2007 Antarctic marathon. "It's the only sporting event held on Antarctica," he says. "I can't wait."

—Renée Gearhart Levy