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**Richard H. Tullis** writes he is still living in La Jolla, CA.

**1945**

**Donald J. O'Brien**, of Florence, AL, has continued his committee work with the Shoals Medical Seminar annual Northwest Alabama Homeless Care Council at Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Florence, AL.

**1949**

**Charles B. Marshall**, of Martinsville, VA, along with his wife of 55 years, Doris Marshall, has recently continued their, as Charles writes, "habit of six months mission service each year." After four months service, from November 2003 to March 2004, in Kijabeh Hospital in Kenya they traveled to Sierra Leone to work aboard "ANASTASIS" doing repairs of vesico-vaginal fistulae. The mission was concluded at a government hospital in the interior of Sierra Leone.

**1950**

**Mary K. Irving**, of Little Falls, NY, was honored at the Little Falls Women of Distinction Breakfast. The Women's Christian Association recognized her 37 years of practice and for delivering more than 1,000 babies.

**1951**

**J. Arthur Riesenber**g, of Liberty, NY, is still actively practicing medicine full-time.

**1954**

**Salvatore J. Dalberth**, of Rochester, NY, writes: "After 45 years of private pediatric practice, I have retired to spend my time with my family."

**Erich Loewy**, of Gold River, CA, presented a seminar at Reunion 2004, entitled "Is Universal Health Care a Right?" Loewy is Endowed Alumni Association Chair of Bioethics and Professor of Medicine at the University of California, Davis.

**Mallory Stephens**, of Mirror Lake, NH, writes: "My wife's recently released book, *Those Who Served/Those Who Waited* (Heritage Books), about the World War II experience within our hometown of Brewster, NY, is in its third printing. I have also enjoyed doing some editing and writing on my own story."

**1955**

**Arnold D. Pearlstone**, of Westport, CT, along with his wife, Marion, has just completed his 11th annual eye care mission to May Pen, Jamaica and to the West Indies.

**1956**

**Arthur L. Rehme**, of Palm Coast, FL, writes: "My wife Ruth and I have just driven to Albuquerque, NM, where we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary, by taking a hot air balloon ride—great fun."

**Arthur M. Stockman**, of Bradenton, FL, left pediatric practice after 30 years in 1989 to become Medicare director in two area hospitals. He currently surveys hospitals for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

**1957**

**Robert W. Daly**, of Dewitt, NY, has received the Sol Feinstone Alumni Award for Humanitarian Service from St. Lawrence University. He was recognized for his work as an educator and as a clinical psychiatrist.

**1960**

**Mary G. Ampola**, of Lynnfield, MA, writes: "I will be relocating this fall from Boston to Atlanta where I will be working with genetics and metabolism three days a week in the Scottish Rite Hospital. I will not miss the snow and ice of Boston one bit!"

**Julian M. Aroesty**, of Lexington, MA, writes: "My youngest son is now going through the college search, not pre-med or aeronautical engineering, but perhaps biomedical engineering. There is a lot of anxiety but excitement as well with this whole process."

**Alan G. Greene**, of Boston, MA, has retired but is still busy with volunteer teaching at NE Medical Center. Dr. Greene is in the Executive Service Corps, leads walking tours of Boston, and takes classes at the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement, a Harvard Extension School. He also took summer courses at Oxford University.



Richard H. Tullis, MD '43



Erich Loewy, MD '54



Stanley Burns, MD '64

**1961**

**Arthur Sternberg**, of Suffern, NY, is continuing with the private practice of psychiatry, a career that has spanned 30 plus years.

**1962**

**Martin Lerner**, of Suffolk, VA, has moved from Norfolk to Suffolk and "a smaller house." Lerner is still working part-time in an urgent care clinic and hopes that all are doing well.

**1964**

**Edward Burak**, of Englewood Cliffs, NJ, writes: "My son, **Jarett Burak, MD '02**, has completed his second year of resident radiology at the Beth Israel Hospital in New York City. My daughter, Sabrina, is getting her masters in special education from NYU."

**Stan Burns**, of New York, NY, brought an exhibit from the Burns Archive to Upstate to coincide with Reunion 2004. The exhibit of rare historical medical photography remained on display in the Upstate Library throughout the month of October. "Many of the treatments depicted have long since become outmoded, but our predecessors believed they were offering the best therapy available," Burns told fellow alumni in an afternoon discussion session. "My hope is that you will look at these images as icons of our past and gain a better understanding of what we do and how we can better serve our patients."

**Walter J. Gaska**, of Ozark, MO, has finished his 32nd year of practicing as a plastic surgeon. He is receiving an MBA in December and is the president of a 300-member multi-specialist group proactive at St. Johns Clinic in Springfield, MO.

**Gene R. Moss**, of San Diego, CA, writes: "As CEO of LifeMAX Systems, I am pleased to announce the introduction of our computer based clinical software for treating phobias via audio virtual reality. See [www.lifemax.com](http://www.lifemax.com) for more information."

**David W. Watson**, of Charlotte, NC, is still practicing urology.

**1965**

**Paul J. Honig**, of Mount Laurel, NJ, has retired from the University of Pennsylvania as of July 2004. He will continue to work part-time at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and will use his free time to play golf and travel to see his two grandchildren in Colorado.

**Richard N. Snyder**, of Los Angeles, CA, writes: "I am still active in the practice of anatomic and surgical pathology. I am also in my 35th year with LA's Kaiser-Permanente "Sunset" Tertiary Care flagship hospital. It seems that, antibiotics, radiation, lasers and immuno RX have ruined all the good classical pathology findings! No plans to retire, still too much fascination with my work."

**1966**

**Malcolm D. Davidson**, of Dallas, TX, writes: "I would like to proudly announce the birth of my first grandchild, Zachery Ryan, on 10/14/03. I would also like to congratulate **Jerome Goldstein '66** and Tom Taylor on their 30th anniversary."

**George H. Newman**, of Bedford, NH, writes that he and his wife, Sally, are the proud grandparents of two: Halle, three; and Colby, one; both belonging to George's son, Spencer, and his wife, Karen. George also has two daughters, Andrea, who has been married for several years, and Lisa, whom was recently engaged.

**Austin M. Pattner**, of Englewood, NJ, is pleased to announce the addition of a sixth member to his private practice.

**Brian Gaffney, MD '72****Lifesaving Legacy**

The death of former President Ronald Reagan last June, which touched so many Americans and people all over the world, was especially significant for cardiologist Brian Gaffney, MD '72.

A newly elected Syracuse Medical Alumni Association board member, Dr. Gaffney is the current and founding director of St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Cardiac Catheterization Lab in Utica, New York, and medical director of the Critical Care Unit at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Gaffney was a member of the team that attended to Reagan at George Washington University Hospital after the newly inaugurated president was shot and wounded by John Hinckley, Jr. on March 30, 1981.

A framed, personally signed letter from the former president adorns Gaffney's office. The letter, dated April 16, 1981, reads:

*Dear Dr. Gaffney:*

*How do I say thank you when words cannot possibly describe my appreciation? The skill with which you met the extraordinary burden thrust upon you two weeks ago has earned my lasting gratitude and admiration.*

*Thank you and God bless you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ronald Reagan*

"I felt a tremendous sense of loss when Reagan died," says Gaffney, a past president of St. Elizabeth's medical staff. Gaffney recalls the day of the Reagan shooting as if it happened yesterday, not

more than 23 years ago. "It was a day you couldn't possibly forget."

Gaffney, who did his cardiology fellowship at George Washington University Medical Center and remained as an assistant professor of medicine in the division of cardiology, was in charge of the Coronary Care Unit on the day Reagan was wounded. The chairman of the cardiology division was out of town so Gaffney was next in command.

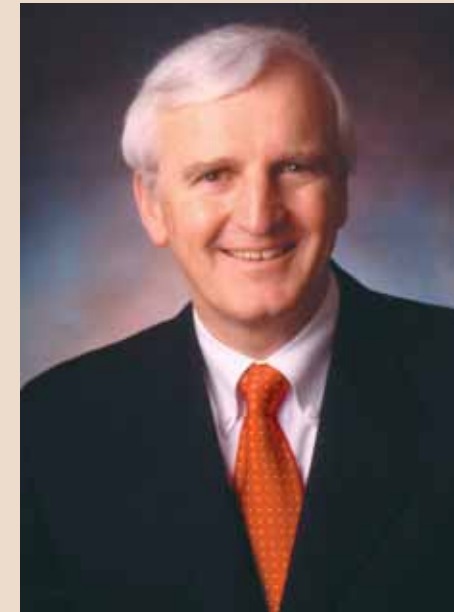
"I was in my office when I got a 'stat' page to go to the ER. It was very unusual for an attending to get that kind of page, and it was the first time I had ever received one. I immediately ran over to the ER and saw what looked like the presidential limousine. I couldn't believe it," Gaffney says.

Gaffney saw several Secret Service men, their Uzis out and pointing. The Secret Service had cleared out the emergency room, normally a very congested place, in about 10 seconds. "They weren't kidding around," Gaffney says.

After the ER director convinced the Secret Service that Gaffney was who he said he was, the Clinton, New York, native was allowed into the ER, and knew immediately that he had a high-profile situation on his hands.

"There was a lot of commotion. When I got through, there was President Reagan. He was on a stretcher and was critically ill," Gaffney says. "He had a blood pressure of only 75. He didn't know he had been shot."

By the time Gaffney arrived, the shock trauma team had already inserted an IV, and had begun to stabilize Reagan and transfuse blood. Gaffney's major role was to make sure Reagan's cardiac status remained stable.



Brian Gaffney, MD '72

George Washington University spokesperson Dr. Dennis O'Leary credited the trauma team for saving the president's life, but Gaffney says much of the credit should go to the director of the Secret Service.

"Reagan didn't know he'd been shot and coughed up a little blood in the limousine while en route to the White House," Gaffney says. "But when he coughed up the blood, the director of the Secret Service re-directed the driver to go to George Washington University Medical Center. No doubt, Reagan would've died if not for the Secret Service."

Gaffney was deeply touched by the mutual affection displayed by Reagan and his wife, Nancy, and by the president's well-displayed wit.

"When Nancy came in they were just a couple of feet from each other when Reagan uttered his famous line, 'I guess

I forgot to duck,'" he recalls. "You could see the true concern they had for each other on their faces. Here he was close to death and he was caring more about her than about his own condition."

Gaffney, whose father (Arthur '32) and brother (Edward '61) also attended Upstate, has kind words for the school, where he also completed his residency in internal medicine.

"I was extremely fortunate to be part of Upstate Medical Center. I truly enjoyed being a medical student there and being accepted into the internal medicine program," he says. "The faculty did a great job and I will always be grateful for my experience. Everyday when you go to the well you have to remember who helped to dig it. I owe Upstate Medical a lot for whatever success I've attained."

Many in Central New York owe Gaffney a lot, too. In 1982, he established St. Elizabeth's cardiac program, now called CNY Cardiology, and helped it grow from one cardiologist—Gaffney—to 11. In the early 1990s, it "became apparent that we needed an open heart program," and in 1995, Gaffney helped found the Mohawk Valley Heart Institute, a cooperative effort among the three Utica-area hospitals. The Heart Institute offers cardiac diagnostic and treatment that includes open-heart surgery, cardiac catheterization, angioplasty, electrophysiology, and cardiac rehabilitation.

"Utica-Rome was the largest metropolitan area in New York without an open heart program. Now patients in this four-county referral area receive state-of-the-art cardiac care, and I'm quite proud of that," Gaffney says.

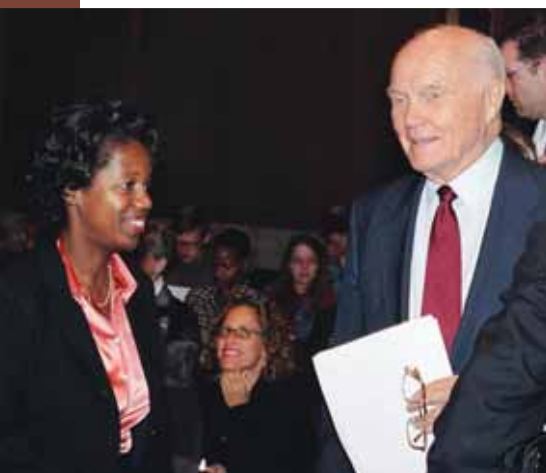
—Mark Frank



Michael R. O'Leary, MD '78



Children of Mary Blome LaPadula, MD '80: Chad, Van, Eddie and Tom.



Sharon Brangman, MD '81 greets former senator and astronaut John Glenn, a fellow panelist for the Senate Special Committee on Aging.

**1967**

**Melvyn "Yogi" D. Bert**, of Mill Valley, CA, is proud to announce that his son is a first year medical student at Upstate. "Yogi" will be giving three lectures in Lhasa, Tibet, in 2005, in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Tibet Vision Project, for which he is the director of education.

**1969**

**James H. Fleisher**, of Encino, CA, is still practicing cardiology and is the chief of cardiology at Encino-Tarzana Medical center in Tarzana, CA. He has one son finishing radiology residency at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA, who will begin a neuro radiology fellowship in 2005. His second son is doing DNA research at UC Davis. He sees **Doug Morrow '69**, daily.

**1970**

**Stephen L. Curry**, of Morris, CT, is retiring as the chairman of the Department of OB-GYN at the University of Connecticut and as director of OB-GYN at the Hartford Hospital in September of 2004.

**Mark L. Wolraich**, of Nichols Hills, OK, writes: "My younger son, David, just completed his second year of medical school at Albert Einstein School of Medicine and will be married on Labor Day weekend."

**1974**

**Joseph A. Blady**, of Englewood Cliffs, NJ, is currently a counter-narcotics program officer for the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

**Aaron Friedman**, of Provincetown, RI, has become the pediatrician-in-chief at the Hasbro Children's Hospital. He is also the Sylvia Kay Hassenfeld Professor of Pediatrics and chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Brown Medical School in Provincetown, RI.

**Alec J. Megibow**, of New York, NY, writes: "As time passes I can't believe that I have been 'Dr. Megibow' longer than I have been 'Mr. Megibow!'"

**1978**

**Michael R. O'Leary**, of Manlius, NY, has been named to the Council of SUNY Upstate Medical University by Gov. George E. Pataki.

**1980**

**Mary Blome LaPadula**, of Cresskill, NJ, is delighted to announce the birth of her fourth son, Edward John LaPadula III. Mary writes: "My husband and I feel blessed that little Eddie is able to join his three brothers, Tom, 22, Chad, 19, and Van, 14. I am the luckiest girl in the world." Mary continues in her private practice of ENT.

**Lawrence M. Manion**, of Boonville, NY, has joined Rome Memorial Hospital's Boonville Family Care office.

**1981**

**Sharon Brangman**, of Syracuse, NY, gave testimony September 20 in Washington before the Senate Special Committee on Aging. The overall subject of the hearing was "Breaking the Silver Ceiling: A new Generation of Older Americans Redefining the New Rules of the Workplace." Her testimony, given on behalf of the American Geriatrics Society addressed the ability of older workers to keep working after the traditional retirement age.

**1982**

**Thomas A. Bersani**, of Skaneateles, NY, has received the President's Citizenship Award of the Medical Society of the State of New York. He was recognized for his volunteer efforts during the course of seven trips to Honduras and parts of West Africa.

**1983**

**Susan Jensen**, of Salisbury, NC, has been named chief of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the WG Hefner VA Medial Center in Salisbury, VA. She writes: "My husband Niels maintains his Danish accent while my daughter, Jessica, three, is developing a southern twang. My one-year-old still sounds like quite the New Yorker. What an American family!" Susan takes pride in the rate at which her VA medical center is growing and asks that anyone looking for a job, "Give a holler."

**1984**

**Richard Cartabuke**, of Columbus, OH, writes that he was named Medical Director of the Year by the American Association of Ambulatory Surgery Centers and *Modern Physician Magazine*.

**Niel F. Miele**, of Williamsville, NY, has been appointed the associate director of pediatric emergency medicine at the Children's Hospital of Buffalo.

**Michael G. Martin, MD, HS '83****Back to Basics**

**M**ichael G. Martin, MD, HS '83 has been on call for the last two years. That's the same amount of time the Rochester, New York, pediatrician has been in solo practice. A long-time veteran of big pediatric groups, Dr. Martin chose to style his own practice akin to old-fashioned doctors or those in rural areas. He has no answering service. Patients even have his cell phone number.

"I read about a few other doctors who were doing this and the idea intrigued me," says Martin, who admits being skeptical about its practicality.

The end result has worked out better than he ever dreamed. "Patients have been enthusiastic about the model and very respectful about not intruding too much on after-hours time," he says.

Part of that is simply his patients' access to him. Each weekday morning, Martin has a call-in hour from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. when parents can speak with him directly about problems and concerns that can be dealt with briefly or schedule same-day appointments. "It takes care of quick questions and eliminates many of the dinner and evening hour phone calls," he says.

Martin says he averages two or three after-hours calls a week, about the same number in six months as during a busy call night during his group practice days. The down side, he says, is that those calls can come at any time—holidays, Sundays, in the middle of family plans.

Martin has found benefits to himself as well. "When I've been on call for a large group, it was rare that I'd get a phone call from a patient that I actually knew," he says. "It was common to get between 15 and 30 calls in an evening, depending on

the season, and rare to talk to someone that you knew personally."

The biggest advantage, he says, is that because he sees his own patients all the time, he is able to provide more continuity. "In a big group practice, where you see four or five patients an hour, you can get rushed," he says. "Here, I control the pace and I know them all on a first-name basis."

When he does get those after-hours calls, Martin says he's able to respond quickly. "I can make a better judgment about whether a child needs an emergency room visit in the middle of the night based on the parent I'm talking to," he says.

Martin's "old-fashioned practice" does have one new-fangled twist. A ham radio operator and computer buff, Martin runs a "paperless" office. All patient records are computerized, which are interfaced directly with his billing system. "I handle the billing myself. This makes everything easier," he says.

Martin graduated from University of Rochester Medical School and did his residency in pediatrics at Upstate from 1980 to 1983. "Frank Oski was a wonderful mentor and friend. It was a great place to train."

It was in Syracuse that he met his wife, Linda (née Petote), then a nurse at Crouse Hospital and now his office manager and nurse as well as a lactation consultant. The Martins have four children, ages four to 19. Much of his spare time is devoted to their activities.

Says Martin, "Whether it's work or family time, it's likely got something to do with kids."

—Renée Gearhart Levy



Michael G. Martin, MD, HS '83, takes calls from patients for an hour each week day morning. "It's a great opportunity for new parents, in particular, to ask questions," he says. "I can catch small problems before they become big problems and I can eliminate unnecessary office visits by answering simple questions."

**1985**

**Mark Costanza**, of Amherst, NY, is celebrating his 16th year of marriage to his wife, Sandy, and enjoys spending time with his three children, Adam, 12, Ally, 10, and David, 2. He is the co-owner of HealthWorks-Way, an occupational medicine program with three sites in Western New York.

**Lori E. Fantry**, of Towson, MD, writes: "George and I are doing great in Baltimore. We have two children, Heather, 10; and Tim, 14. I am the medical director of the Infectious Diseases Clinic at the University of Maryland."

**1986**

**David Petrie**, of Waterville, NY, was awarded the Mohawk Valley Community College 2004 Alumni of Merit Award.

**1987**

**Neil R. Connelly**, of Suffield, CT, writes: "I am director of anesthesiology research at Baystate Medical Center and I have recently received a promotion to professor of anesthesiology at Tufts University School of Medicine. But most importantly, my children; Kevin, 14; Ellen, nine; and wife, Ann, of 31 years; are all doing well."

**1989**

**Marc A. Safran**, of Atlanta, GA, has become a distinguished fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

**Susan Waterman**, writes that she moved to London during the summer and is sorry to have missed the reunion.

**1991**

**Denise Monte**, of East Setauket, NY, and Tony Szema, MD, are proud to announce "big sister Allison, three, has a new brother, Austin, born September 16, 2003." Denise is still working at SUNY Stony Brook as a full-time academic otolaryngologist.

**Adam Katz**, of Tampa, FL, is currently practicing pulmonary and critical care medicine and is the chief of medicine at the Memorial Hospital of Tampa. He lives with his wife, Jennifer, and four dogs.

**1993**

**Stephan Alkins**, of Jamesville, NY, is practicing pulmonary and sleep medicine at Crouse Hospital in Syracuse and has recently joined the Internist Associates of Central New York.

**Florence M. Parrella**, of Woburn, MA, writes: "I am a senior staff physician at Lahey Clinic in Burlington, VT, and a board certified cardiologist and cardiac electrophysiologist."

**1994**

**Cherilyn A. White**, of Sayre, PA, writes: "I am changing jobs and returning home to Cortland, NY. I will work in offices located in Marathon and Moravia for Family Health Network of Central New York."

**1995**

**Amy Grace**, of Otsego, NY, writes: "I have been practicing in Oneonta, NY, for six years now. In May, my husband, Geoff, and I welcomed our third child, Charlotte. Big sister Caitlin is four and big brother Geoffrey is three."

**1997**

**Monica M. Jones**, of Syracuse, NY, and her husband, Brian, have two girls: Katelyn, ten, and Emily, six. She is now the pediatric medical director at Crouse Pediatrics in Dewitt, NY.

**1998**

**Matthew R. Di Capria**, of Schenectady, NY, has completed his fellowship in musculoskeletal oncology at the University of Florida and is now practicing with the Schenectady Regional Orthopaedic Associates.

**Leanne M. Yanni**, of Richmond, VA, is currently the associate program director for the Internal Medicine Residency at UMU Medical Center in Richmond, VA. She writes that she has a daughter, Jane Angier Caudle, age two.

**1999**

**Melissa Duxbury**, of Litchfield, NH, has a family practice in Hudson, NH. She has two children: Ryan, three; and Alyce, five-months-old.

**Michael Greenblatt**, of Selkirk, NY, has joined the staff of Community Care Physicians' Internal Medicine in Delmar, NY.

**2000**

**Kathleen A. O'Leary**, of Charleston, SC, writes that she finished her residency in general psychology at Medical University of South Carolina in June 2004. She will now be a practicing adult psychiatrist at Emanuel Health Center Behavioral Service in Swainsboro, GA. Kathleen has begun construction on a new house and is studying for the board exam.

**2002**

**Melissa A. Fasolo Gorczyński**, of Portsmouth, VA, is in her last year of a pediatric residency at the Children's Hospital of the Kings' Daughters in Norfolk, VA.

**Michael J. Giuffrida**, of Syosset, NY, is a general surgery resident at St. Vincent's Hospital in Manhattan.

**2003**

**Anna Olson**, of Denver, CO, received honorable mention at Reunion 2004 in the Medical Alumni Writing Award, sponsored by the Center for Bioethics. She is a second-year resident.