

Keith R. Dahlberg, MD '54



Ira H. Scheinerman, MD '56, right, with son David, skiing at Big Sky, Montana, last year.

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Reunion Weekend 2009

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2009

Designates classes celebrating reunion in 2009: 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999

1942

Frederick N. Roberts, of Syracuse, NY, has finally retired from practice. Dr. Roberts teaches at a pediatric clinic one day a week.

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1951

Sheldon O. Burman, of Highland Park, IL, finally retired after 57 years of practicing surgery and is healthy and well. Dr. Burman will soon be designated a Master Gardner by the Chicago Botanic Gardens. He is a member of the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy; the Dean's Advisory Committee on International Affairs; National Administrator of the A.D.L.; and a regional board member of AIPAC. He and his wife, Dee, have three children, including a son, H.E. Guy Burman, MD, who is a general surgeon in Ketchikan, AK, and 8 ½ grandchildren.

1953

Norman C. Staub, of Stinson Beach, CA, is relinquishing his role as class secretary. **Paul Stobnicke, MD '53** replaces him.

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Keith R. Dahlberg, of Kellogg, ID, is publishing his medical memories of practice in Burma, Thailand, and Idaho in *Bridge Ahead*. This book can be purchased at www.iuniverse.com or at www.amazon.com.

William H. Hampton, Jr., of Greenwich, CT, is still in full-time practice of psychiatry at the age of 83. Dr. Hampton has three daughters, eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. He is also busy with golf, antiques,

and sports watching; he hopes SU can play better football this year. Hampton has been married 56 years in 2008.

Frank G. Hesse, of Albuquerque, NM, is retired from general surgery and is the chairman of the New Mexico Health Policy Commission.

Harold L. Kaplan, of Boynton Beach, FL, had his 88th birthday in January and his 49th wedding anniversary in August. Dr. Kaplan's oldest son, Edward, is a radiation oncologist in Florida and was voted one of the best doctors in Southern Florida by his peers. He is treating patients with new types of radiation seed implants. Dr. Kaplan's daughter, Deborah, is in Redmond with her husband at Microsoft and his youngest, David, is in Connecticut producing for A&E television and the History Channel.

1955

Fernando C. Cocca, of Fairfield, NJ, has been retired from OB-GYN for nine years. He started a medical transport business about 25 years ago and spends some of his time in that area, along with much attention to family, and golf, tennis, and traveling.

Monroe Richman, of Koloa, HI, recently went to the Ukraine and visited Kiev, Odessa, Yatta, Babi Yar, Sevastopol, and then Bucharest, Romania.

1956

Judah Roher, of White Plains, NY, has retired and is spending his time staying out of his wife's way.

Ira H. Scheinerman, of Melville, NY, retired last year. He hiked down the Grand Canyon in May and is enjoying travel, skiing, biking, New York City, and digital photography. Dr. Scheinerman writes, "Leisure is great!"

1957

Bertram G. Katzung, of San Rafael, CA, shares that his photographs of wildlife and the sky can be viewed on his website: www.astronomy-images.com.

1958

Julius Rein, of Wanaque, NJ, sold his house and now is living in an over-55 community within 35 minutes of most of his grandchildren (seven in total).

George Heitzman, MD '47

A Heartfelt Career

When George Heitzman, MD '47, spreads out the folders, clippings, and letters that tell of his career in the early years of modern heart surgery, they cover his kitchen table.

They reflect the highest moments, the surgeries when he saved lives in tough circumstances and tried new methods that kept people alive.

Among the collection, a 1957 article from *Time* magazine. It says Dr. Heitzman, a thoracic surgeon, used manual heart massage for an hour to save a 10-year old girl when he worked at the National Jewish Hospital in Denver.

And there's a column about Heitzman and the late Dr. Ernest Delmonico performing the first open heart surgery in Syracuse at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center, where Heitzman spent most of his career on staff.

Twenty years into retirement, Heitzman, 85, still encounters face-to-face evidence of his successes. Last May, he and a patient met for the first time since 1969, 39 years after a life-saving surgery.

The former patient is Joe Palmieri, 81, of York, Pennsylvania. Palmieri was visiting Ithaca College for a class reunion and asked Heitzman, who lives in Dewitt, New York, if he would be willing to meet him there. Heitzman and his wife, Gina, obliged.

Palmieri was moved that Heitzman made the trip.

In 1961, at age 34, Palmieri had two heart attacks in less than a month.

As he remembers it, after weeks of tests and study, doctors told him he had a bubble on his damaged heart, but he'd be alright as long as it remained intact. Then they sent him home.

Eight years after, in 1969, his cousin, a doctor, asked to listen to his heart and then hustled him to the hospital. He got the news that without surgery to fix a large aneurysm, he faced imminent stroke or death.

Heitzman led the team that fixed him up at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse. In recent months, Palmieri began pondering the path of his life and the surgery. He tracked down Heitzman by phone to get his medical charts to show his doctor, who was skeptical he could have lived so long after such a surgery.

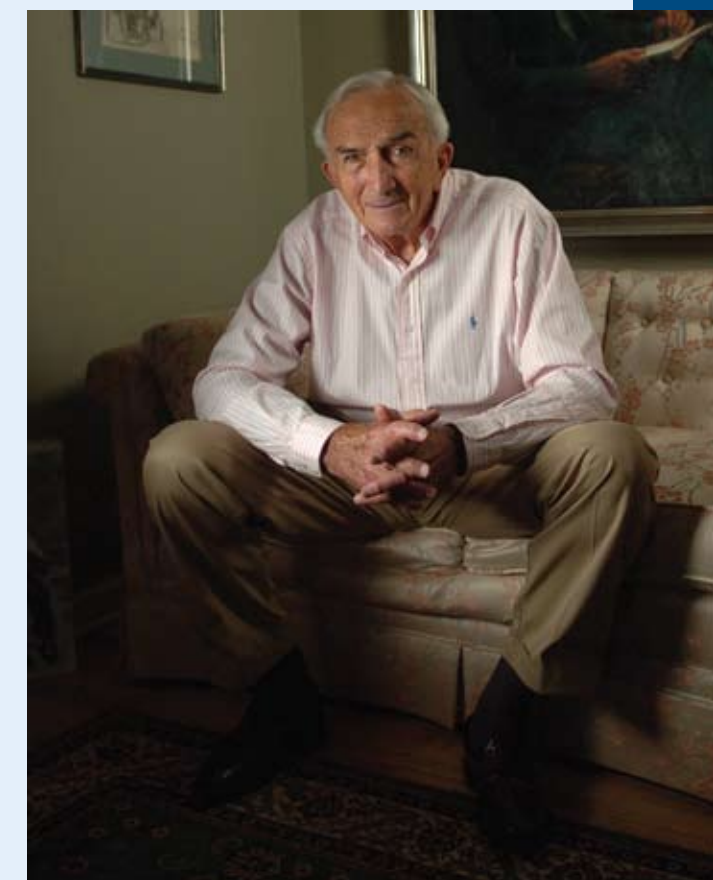
After talking to Heitzman on the telephone, he found he wanted to see him in person. Heitzman had touched his heart, he said.

"The case," Heitzman says, "was most unusual. It is unusual to suffer such a big blowout of the left ventricle and live so long after it," he said. And Palmieri was lucky the aneurysm didn't burst.

Heitzman had other unusual cases. He made *Time* for saving a little girl whose heart went into dangerous fibrillation during surgery to repair a hole in an inner wall. He and his team took turns massaging her heart by hand for an hour until it began to beat normally.

The girl grew up to be a physician. She corresponds with Heitzman from time to time, including a letter telling him the method he used to save her inspired her to use aggressive treatment in her career.

There's a local newspaper column from 1994 about a healthy 44-year-old woman who, at age eight, was the first person to have open heart surgery in Syracuse.



George Heitzman, MD '47

Heitzman grew up in East Syracuse, went to Syracuse University then to Upstate Medical University. He returned to Syracuse after specialty training and military service.

Since Palmieri reappeared, Heitzman has been reflecting on his career that began during the advent of modern heart surgery.

"I'm thinking about writing a book," he says. "No one knows how this started at St. Joe's."

—Maureen Nolan

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James Philip, MD '73



David A. Lynch, MD '75, with wife Tisch (former Nancy Tischler), a graduate of Syracuse University School of Nursing, Class of 1972

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1960

Frank J. Weinstock is practicing ophthalmology in Canton, OH, and relaxing in Boca Raton, FL. Call if in the area.

1962

Richard K. Shadduck retired in January to Savannah, GA, after 39 years in academic medicine in Pittsburgh, PA. He and Shirley welcome all class members to visit with them in the South.

Jack Wittenberg, of Newton Highland, MA, writes that he cut back to half-time for near term, and never tries to predict far-term. "Finally got a granddaughter after three sons and six straight grandsons. How's that for beating the odds!"

1963

Samuel Alhadeff, of Boca Raton, FL, was injured in an auto accident when a driver fell asleep and hit his car head-on. Dr. Alhadeff now has a permanent eye injury prohibiting lateral movement, resulting in permanent double vision and poor depth perception. He also had two lobes of his right lung removed because of cancer, but is okay. He has not practiced since 1985.

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Nathan M. Hameroff, of St. Petersburg, FL, has retired from his radiological practice and is currently enjoying monthly locum tenens assignments. While working in Jacksonville, FL, Dr. Hameroff enjoyed the company of **Samuel Rosenthal, MD '64**.

Murray J. Miller is still in active full-time practice of endocrinology in Fort Lauderdale, FL, after 35 years. He recently started taking swim lessons.

1966

Austin M. Pattner, of Englewood, NJ, writes, "We need another nephrologist." Dr. Pattner's daughter, Jocelyn, is getting married in October at the Rainbow Room in Manhattan.

1968

Gary P. Schwartz, of Frederick, MD, is now retired and volunteering with the Mission of Mercy, a mobile medical clinic serving the uninsured and underinsured in Maryland. Dr. Schwartz retired from the USAF in 1994 with the rank of colonel after serving as a cardiologist for 20 years and from the Drug Enforcement Administration in 2004 after serving as chief medical officer for eight years. Schwartz and his wife, Phyllis, celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary this year. They have two children and four grandchildren.

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1973

James Philip, of Chestnut Hill, MA, wants to tell all members of the Class of 1973 that a web page of Reunion 2008 photos and other memories is available to view and download at [ftp://bwhanesthesia.net/jphilip/SUNY_Class_of_1973_Memories](http://bwhanesthesia.net/jphilip/SUNY_Class_of_1973_Memories). Contact him at jphilip@partners.org.

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Joseph A. Blady, of Franklin Lakes, NJ, retired in 2001 from anesthesia practice after 25 years and currently works for the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence at the Pentagon.

1975

David A. Lynch, of Bellingham, WA, writes classmate **James Terzian '75** and wife, Dolly, came west for a visit last summer and it was great fun to see them. Dr. Lynch also saw classmate, **Walter Short '75** and wife, Beverly, on a visit to Syracuse in June.

Roger Moore, MD '60**Dual Passions**

In November, the Kirkland Art Center in Clinton, New York, launched a retrospective exhibition of the works of painter Roger Moore, MD '60. Many of those who attended the opening and month-long exhibit were not only fans of Dr. Moore's work, they'd also been his patients.



Roger Moore, MD '60

For 40 years, Moore was a family physician in Clinton, practicing out of his home office. "If someone called the office at 2:30 in the morning, I was the one who answered," he says.

Moore also served as physician for the Clinton School District and Hamilton College.

"It was the perfect career," he says. "If I had it to do all over again, I'd do it exactly the same."

But medicine wasn't Moore's first calling. He attended Syracuse University as a fine arts major, studying painting under Merlin Pollock.

After graduating, he served in the Korean War, a "raw experience" that caused Moore to reexamine his life's goals. "I saw so much suffering and adversity I thought perhaps coming back and painting wasn't as much of a contribution in this world as medicine would be."

That required two and a half more years of undergraduate school to complete the required math and sciences, before enrolling at Upstate Medical University and ultimately completing a family practice residency at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

When his training was complete, Moore, who had grown up in nearby Cazenovia, set out to find a small town



"Turn in the River"

where he could live and work for the entirety of his career. He and his wife looked at 10 villages before settling on Clinton.

"We wanted to make one move, buy a big old house and practice out of it for life," Moore recalls. "Every day of those 40 years was an adventure."

Moore worked 16 to 18 hours a day, seeing sometimes as many as 40 to 60 patients per day, as well as delivering babies and conducting surgery.

Despite the demands and delights of his new profession, Moore never stopped painting. "I used to finish up office hours at 10:30 at night and set up my easel right in the examination room," he says. "Mine was the only examination room in Central New York that smelled like turpentine instead of alcohol."

Through the years, Moore has entered his work in many local competitions. He caught the attention of the Kirkland Art Center curator, who asked if he'd be interested in a retrospective show.

Moore and his wife, who have 6 children and 10 grandchildren, were able to

recall about 800 oils. He has created about 2,000 small watercolors as well. From these, they were able to secure 100 representative works for the exhibition. The paintings, mostly oils, are organized by decade along with notes from the artist that explain the motivation for each work. The first dates back to 1939, when Moore was nine years old.

The paintings, Moore says, depict "the magnificence of the Central New York landscape through the seasons and are not merely representational, but each hold a universal kernel of merit.

"As people walked through the show they got a peek into my soul," he says.

Although retired from private practice, Moore teaches two to three days a week in the family practice residency program he started at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Utica 30 years ago. And he's painting more than ever.

"As I look out my kitchen window on a glorious day such as today, I can't imagine anywhere else in this world I'd rather be or anything else I'd rather be doing," he says.

— Renée Gearhart Levy

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Robert McCann, MD '82



Joseph T. Flynn, MD '87

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James A. Terzian, of Vestal, NY, writes his son **Jim Terzian, MD '07** is a PGY-2 radiology resident at Jefferson Medical Center in Philadelphia. Dr. Terzian also writes he visited with classmate, **David Lynch '75** and wife, Tisch, in Bellingham, WA.

Gary Zito, of St. James, NY, is the chief of urology at St. Catherine of Siena Hospital in Smithtown, NY. His wife, Claire, is a recovery room nurse at the North Shore Surgicenter in Smithtown. His son, Peter, is a vice president for the Community Bank of New York, daughter, Amanda is a public relations coordinator for MSG Network at Madison Square Garden and daughter, Samantha, is starting third year at UCONN studying the nutritional sciences.

1977

Robert H. Fabrey just started work as chief medical officer of San Juan Regional Medical Center in Farmington, NM.

1978

Robert Fulop, of Short Hills, NJ, writes his son, Andrew, started law school and his daughter is a sophomore at Cornell University.

Michael R. O'Leary, of Manlius, NY, has been appointed chief executive officer of Laboratory Alliance of Central New York. Dr. O'Leary was formerly corporate medical director for Laboratory Alliance, a position he held since the company was founded in 1998. He will continue to serve as director of laboratories. An active member of many national societies related to clinical pathology, laboratory management and physician issues, Dr. O'Leary serves on the Pathology Advisory Council of The Joint Commission. He also serves on a number of community boards, including the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra and the Upstate Medical University Council.

Jean B. Poulard, of Dix Hills, NY, writes that his son, Jeffrey, graduated in May from American University in Washington, DC, and is taking a year off before starting graduate school.

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Robert McCann, of Pittsford, NY, has been named chairman of the Highland Hospital Board of Directors. Dr. McCann currently serves as chief of medicine for Highland Hospital, a position he has held for eight years. He has been an active member of the Highland Hospital Board of Directors since 2002. In addition to serving as chairman, McCann has also been appointed as a member of the Strong Health Partners Board of Directors.

Joseph A. Smith has been practicing since 1985 at his office, Your Doctors Care, in Hillsborough, NJ. Dr. Smith's older daughter, Becky, 25, works in finance and will be a New Jersey Nets Dancer for a third year. Daughter, Jenny, 22, graduated from the College of New Jersey, and son, Danny, 19, is a sophomore at Rutgers. Dr. Smith writes he would love to hear from his classmates. Email him at joeyydc@hotmail.com.

1983

Eric L. Fremed, of Teaneck, NJ, writes that his son, Daniel Fremed, just entered the Robert Wood Johnson School of Medicine in New Jersey.

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David R. Chisholm, of Wasilla, AK, has been in Alaska for 10 years. Dr. Chisholm writes, "I have a solo practice in family medicine. Partners? Great hunting and fishing. 'Nature on steroids' as Sean Penn describes it. You'd love it. Grizzly bears say hello!"

1985

Mitchell R. Lebowitz, of Fayetteville, NY, left private practice of clinical endocrinology after 16 years and has enlisted at the Syracuse VA Medical Center to serve those who have served and to teach our next generation of physicians. Dr. Lebowitz says he has never been happier being a physician.

1987

Joseph T. Flynn has recently assumed the office of Secretary of the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN). The ASPN is a professional association of nearly 600 pediatric nephrologists in the United States and Canada. Additionally, he has been appointed to serve on the Atherosclerosis, Hypertension and Obesity in the Young Committee of the American Heart Association's Scientific Council on Cardiovascular Disease in the Young. He relocated to Seattle, WA, about a year ago and is professor of pediatrics at the University of Washington and medical director of dialysis at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center.

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1991

Beth A. Buchinsky (King) saw **Nancy Wang, MD '91**, at the Virginia Academy of Family Physicians annual meeting in Virginia Beach. Dr. Wang lives in Fredericksburg, VA, with her husband, Peter, and her daughter. Dr. Buchinsky lives in Manassas, VA, with her husband, Vince, and three children. Dr. Wang and Dr. Buchinsky each work part time. Dr. Buchinsky says they all had a good time at the beach!

1993

Janice Bedell, of Washington Mills, NY, is currently a voluntary assistant professor of radiology at Upstate, working part time and taking care of three children, ages five, nine and 12.

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1995

Nancy A. Schaefer, of Cape Cod, MA, continues to enjoy living on the Cape and practicing emergency medicine. She is extremely busy chasing after her two sons, Jackson, two, and Colter, 10 months. She writes, being a Mom is amazing!

1996

Brian T. Trezak, of Fayetteville, NC, has two daughters, Claire Elizabeth Trezak, and her newborn sister, Jillian Grace Trezak. Dr. Trezak is prouder of them than anything in this life!

1998

Felice A. Caldarella, of Springfield, NJ, was awarded Teacher of the Year 2008 by residents of the Hunterdon Medical Center family medicine residency program.

Jennifer M. Salm married Eric Radler, MD, in September, 2007, in Newport, RI. She is currently a pediatrician in Newport.

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2002

Rebecca L. Bagdonas, of New York, NY, got engaged on July 19 to Vineent Sen Budhrja. She participated in The Mission for Vision as a pediatric anesthesiologist in Agoo, Philippines, in May. She is working at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary and became board certified in October 2007.

2006

Amy Sucheski and **Douglas MacQueen** were married on June 21 at St. Mary's Church in Waterloo, NY. A reception was held at Ventosa Vineyards in Geneva, NY. They reside in Portland, ME, where they are completing their residencies. Doug will be chief resident for internal medicine from 2009-2010 and Amy is contemplating fellowship training.



Nancy Wang, MD '91 (left) and Beth A. Buchinsky (King), MD '91 (right)



Nancy A. Schaefer, MD '95, with her husband, Scott Gladish, and their two sons, Jackson and Colter



Jillian, daughter of Brian T. Trezak, MD '96