



Pediatric Crier

Department of Pediatrics Newsletter

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Welcome Dr. Deborah Goldman

The Department of Pediatrics welcomes Dr. Deborah Goldman as the new director of the division of Pediatric Gastroenterology. Dr. Goldman



completed her pediatric residency at Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital, and her gastroenterology fellowship at Tufts. She has been a member of the faculty at the University of Minnesota and a highly regarded premier GI clinician in Minneapolis with a particular interest in motility disturbances.

Dr. Goldman tells the Crier, "I am a native of New England and spent the last 24 years in the wintry state of Minnesota, where I learned how to snow shoe, cross country ski and golf. I have returned to the state of my birth and in close proximity to my 3 sons, daughter in laws and grand-daughter."

We are delighted to have Dr. Goldman join our Peds GI team!

Welcome Back, Dr. Sisskind

The newest member of our faculty is not really all that new. Dr. Jaclyn Sisskind finished her Peds Residency training in our Department in 2012 and has just accepted a position at Upstate Peds. In an exclusive interview with the Crier, Jaclyn tells us, "For those who do not know me, I am Jaclyn and I am excited to be 'coming home' to Upstate in February. I am originally from Syracuse and attended Fayetteville-Manlius High School, where my husband is now a Biology teacher! I studied at Union College and SUNY Buffalo, and then came to Upstate for medical school and my pediatric residency. I have been in private practice for the past three years, and now look forward to starting in a new position at Upstate Pediatrics. My professional interests include pediatric literacy and nutrition. My husband, Ben, and I have

two sons- Ari and Eli. Ari is five years old and started kindergarten this year- he is funny and sweet and loves music. Eli is two years old- he is silly and energetic and loves trucks, buses, and climbing our furniture. As a family, we enjoy cooking together, hiking, and reading books. In my free time

(said jokingly) I like to read, write, and knit. I look forward to working with you all!"

We warmly welcome Jaclyn back home!



Showing Them the Ropes



On Friday, January 16th, the Program Directors took all of the PL2s for a one-day retreat at Destiny, USA. The day began with all 13 PL2s, Drs. Kenney, Nelsen, and Olson (and one somewhat tentative residency coordinator) doing the largest indoor ropes course in the world. Only one member of the team was missing at the end of the course (and it wasn't the residency coordinator). The rest of the time was spent enjoying lunch and some team building experiences and discussions. Everyone had a wonderful time and it is possible that two future chiefs were identified on the ropes course. More on that topic, in future issues (though it would no doubt be helpful for anyone who wants to be a chief to be able to do a ropes course backwards).



Winter Wonderland

It's not too late to participate in Ryan and Vanessa's Winter Wonderland helping some local kids learn to skate. According to Ryan, "We would love to see as many of you guys as possible! You do not need to know how to skate to help out although skaters are more than welcome!" The remaining dates are February 10th and 24th, and March 3rd. If you can make it, please let Vanessa or Ryan know so they'll know how many volunteers to expect. They ask the volunteers to come directly to Clinton Square at 6:15PM.



Photo Caption Contest Winner

Last month we featured a picture that was submitted by Dr. Gloria Kennedy of Dr. Gloria Kennedy taken on her recent skiing vacation and asked if anyone could come up with a caption. We told our readers that the best caption would get a prize and your name listed in the February Crier. Thanks to all who participated! We do have a winner but also two honorable mentions.

Honorable Mention:

"Dr. Gloria Kennedy graciously offers herself as a practice patient for local ski team learning to do search and rescue" - Sarah Marsh

"You guys should have seen the flatspin 360 I did earlier today" - Regina McConnell

And the winning caption is...

“The Doc who lived”



submitted by Dr. Gloria Kennedy

It seems only fair that Dr. Kennedy should get the prize after all she had to go through in order to submit such a dramatic photo. You can come and pick up your prize any time.

In The News:

Supreme Portraits

Everyone knew Dr. Kanter was an amazing PICU attending. But some of us only recently found out he is also an amazing artist when one of his paintings ended up being given to Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor by her brother, Dr. Juan Sotomayor. The Syracuse newspapers report the story: http://www.syracuse.com/kirst/index.ssf/2/015/01/sotomayor_and_kanter_and_yanke_es_and_painting.html

St Baldrick's, 2015

From Lori Grabowski
Hi friends, This will be my second year participating in St. Baldricks. Unfortunately, this year has a different spin to it. Griffin, the child that I represented last year, passed away in August. More than ever I want to show his Mom, Dad, sister and brother that Griffin's death was not in vain. His family has started a foundation in his name. They are doing everything that they can to raise awareness of childhood cancer. I want to raise as much as I can and show them the love and support that this community has for them and Griffin. So please, give as though this were your child, your family member. Help me show them that their little boy, will never be forgotten.
Thank you! Lori

Note that you can help Lori by logging on to her St Baldrick's webpage:

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<https://www.stbaldricks.org/donate/participant/743380/2015> or you can drop a donation off to Lori in the Pediatric Outpatient Subspecialty Clinic on 4West or drop it off at Sherri's office (Room 5403).

Ghana Med Mission Opportunity

Lauri Rupracht, NP

I am the RN that works in the Center for Development, Behavior and Genetics and take groups to Ghana Africa on mobile healthcare mission trips. In May, my organization, A.S.A.P. (Americans Serving Abroad Projects) became a 501(c)3 non-profit charity. We are hoping to recruit a physician and other healthcare professionals to join our team for two weeks in May. We travel to remote villages in Ghana and set up mobile healthcare clinics to care for those with extremely limited access to healthcare. We will also do a safari and participate in some interesting cultural events. This is an extremely rewarding experience in which you can truly make an impact on the lives of those in need. More information and a volunteer application can be found at www.americansservingabroad.com or you can contact me at rupracht@upstate.edu. You can also hear our interview on Healthlink at <http://blogs.upstate.edu/healthlinkonair/2015/01/22/seeking-medical-volunteers-for-a-mission-trip-to-ghana/>. We need to have the team finalized by mid or at least end of Feb. I appreciate any assistance you can give me in getting the word out. Thanks so much! Lauri Rupracht



Editor's note: As they did last year, Lauri is collecting new/lightly used shoes for their May mission trip. The shoes will be delivered to remote area school children who have none. Shoes may be brought to Sherri's office (Rm 5400) or to Lauri at POB Suite 112.

Snowflake Central

Thanks to all of the wonderful donations from the community and the help of so many staff members, Snowflake Central went off without a hitch again this year! For the past three years, the child life team has been very successful in putting on Snowflake Central for our pediatric families admitted during the holidays. Snowflake Central is a way for parents and caregivers to choose what items their child will receive from our many, many holiday donations. By doing this, we give families control over how they choose to celebrate and what they would like to give to their children.

The child life team does this by creating a "store" filled with all of the donations we receive during the holidays. It is open for 6 days before Christmas, as well as on Christmas day, and every child admitted during this time gets a (secret!) invitation for their parent or caregiver to come and shop - for free!

This year, we saw 125 caregivers come through Snowflake Central and leave with many wonderful gifts for their child. Thanks to the help of staff from all over the hospital and its outlying areas, those families were able to take one big stressor off of their plate during the hospitalization of their child. Families were able to celebrate the holidays who might not have been able to without the generosity of our donors. - Maggie Zick, MS, CCLS, Child Life Specialist

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Ryan Kwong
2/3 Kevin Ragosta
2/4 Hilliary Sismondo
2/14 Winter Berry, Steve Blatt
2/18 Leonard Weiner
2/24 Manny Karjoo, Richie Cantor