This has been quite an eventful year for the Chicago Dermatological Society. As has been our long-standing tradition, once again we could boast of another assembly of excellent speakers. In October, Dr. Richard Gallo came to Northwestern and elucidated the role of the innate immune system in skin biology and pathology. In November, at the University of Chicago, Dr. Gil Yoshiovitch talked about the pathophysiology and treatment of pruritus. December brought to us, along with its cold snowy weather, Dr. Russell Hall to speak on the uses and abuses of dapsone. The first meeting of 2010 took place in an atypical month – February, at an atypical location – the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, where Dr. Mark Lebowith discussed “great cases.” In April, we were entertained by four outstanding speakers who lectured on an eclectic mixture of topics: Dr. John Wolf on dermatology and the visual arts, Dr. Eve Lowenstein on dermatology from the mummies’ perspective, Dr. Thomas Copley on dermatology and the immigrant reform movement of 1880 to 1920, and Dr. Vail Reese on dermatology in the cinema. At Rush in May, Dr. Jouni Uitto spoke about progress in epidermolysis bullosa, and finally in June Dr. Mark Enzler, an infectious disease specialist, informed us on skin problems in international travelers.

Our still relatively new website has been improved upon and added to significantly over the past year. Meeting registration and logistical information can now be procured online, as can CME credit. We now have sections for job listings, scientific studies and skin cancer screenings, and hope to have the “find a dermatologist” section up and running soon. We have begun to experiment with alternative sites to the residency programs at which to hold our meetings. There are pros and cons to each location, and the CDS executive committee is still in the midst of the evaluation process. Another somewhat new and perhaps controversial aspect of our meetings is the presence of pharmaceutical company exhibitors. Their product knowledge has helped us as individual dermatologists to stay well-informed therapeutically, and their financial contribution has helped us as a society to continue to provide the high caliber of meetings for which we are known.

It has truly been an honor and a privilege for me to have been President of CDS this past year. I would like to thank the Officers – Shelley Halper as Treasurer and President-Elect, Paul Storrs as Vice-President and Mark Hoffman as Secretary, as well as the department chairs and committee chairmen who comprise the Plans and Policy Committee – I couldn’t have accomplished anything without them. Having said that, I really could not have done it without the ongoing guidance and assistance of Rich Paul, our administrative secretary, my favorite “derm buddy,” Harry Goldin, and the encouragement and tolerance of my wife Debbie. As I said in my biographical statement last fall, I have tried to make the meetings both educational and enjoyable for all involved. I hope I have been successful.

Benjamin A. Dubin, M.D.

Dr. Barsky, now approaching his 93rd birthday, has been a practicing dermatologist since 1950. He is a well-known and respected member of the dermatology community in the Chicagoland area. His love for what he does is so clear and inspiring that Dr. Bruce Bemin nicknamed his passion for the profession the “joie de dermatology.”

The following is a reprint from the CDS newsletter from the Spring of 2002:

I was born on July 3, 1918, on the West Side of Chicago but I grew up in Maywood, Illinois, and attended the local public schools, graduating from Proviso Township High School in 1935.

I entered pre-med school in 1937 at Central YMCA College in Chicago. One year later, I transferred to the University of Illinois in Champaign. I graduated from the University of Illinois Medical School in December, 1943 and interned at the Cook County Hospital in 1944.

From October, 1944 to October, 1946, I served as a medical officer in the U.S. Army. Although assigned as a psychiatrist to the 233rd Army General Hospital on Oahu, Hawaii, I had the good fortune to become associated with Dr. Tibor Benedek, a world-renowned dermatologist- mycologist who set up a derm clinic while the troops were waiting to be shipped to Okinawa, Japan. That’s when I truly fell in love with dermatology. While on Okinawa, I met Dr. Harvey Blank who further inspired me. After Okinawa, I spent four months in Korea and had experience with a smallpox epidemic among our troops. Upon returning to the States, I was assigned to the National Headquarters of the Selective Service System in Washington, D.C. and transferred to Chicago as its Regional Medical Director of Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

Following discharge from the Army in November, 1946, I returned to the Cook County Hospital to begin a one-year fellowship in dermatology at the Cook County Hospital Graduate School of Medicine. I entered the County dermatology residency program in December, 1947. In October, 1950, I began my private practice in

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I was born in 1954 to Martin and Harriet Swan, a masonry contractor and housewife, respectively. I was welcomed home with a bite from my brother and settled in briefly in the home my father built in Morton Grove, Illinois. Martin, then 50 years old and feeling the pains of a life of hard labor, decided to change careers. After owning a neighborhood grocery store for one year, our family heard the call of the west and headed for Phoenix, Arizona. There we entered the “Snow-Cone” business and later added freshly squeezed juices with home delivery service. A brief attempt at gold mining was fun but unsuccessful. After 5 years in Arizona, family ties drew us back to the Chicago area. We opened a grocery and deli business in Franklin Park, Illinois, 7am to 9pm, seven days a week. I knew that “free time” meant helping out in the store. Baseball games held in the park across the street from the store were periodically interrupted so that I could run over and refill the milk cases.

I attended West Leyden High School, Northern Illinois University, and Loyola Stritch School of Medicine. My internship and dermatology residency were both at the University of Minnesota under the mentoring of Drs. Goltz and Dahl. I met the love of my life, Diane, while I was in medical school and she was in nursing school at the University of Illinois. We married during my residency. Diane worked as a pediatric ICU nurse while in Minnesota. Upon returning to Illinois, I opened a practice in Libertyville in 1982. Diane was the sole employee for 18 years, acting as the nurse, receptionist, bookkeeper, biller, purchasing agent and decorator. The practice was run with enviable low overhead but very long hours.

From the beginning of the practice, I had an academic part-time position at Loyola University Medical Center. This academic time gradually expanded to include teaching both at Loyola and at Hines Veterans Administration Hospital with University of Illinois at Chicago residents. In 2000, I was invited by my former University of Illinois at Chicago residents, Drs. Joan Guitart, Joaquin Brieva, Gus Montalvo and the acting chairman, Brian Cook, to join the faculty at Northwestern University Department of Dermatology.

However, in 2005, Loyola’s dermatology residency, still in its infancy, found itself without a residency program director or department head. I felt the obligation to return to my alma mater, Loyola, to help out and stabilize the program. This being accomplished, I stepped down as the chairman at Loyola in 2008 but remained the residency program director. I consider my accomplishments the recruitment of new faculty to Loyola, expansion of the residency, and the addition of Loyola to Chicago Dermatological Society’s meeting schedule. I am now primarily at the Veterans Administration Hospital supervising residents.

Diane and I purchased one bird, a cocktail, while in residency. Before long, our house became a “home for wayward and unwanted birds” and our “feathered family” grew and grew. Currently, we have 19 birds in our residence ranging from parrots and cockatoos to house sparrows and a starling. Our home is filled with squawking, singing and talking throughout the day. Our ten-year-old male sparrow, named Tweeter, has been way ahead of the technology curve. He has been “tweeting” his whole life.

Samuel Goldwyn once said, “I don’t think anyone should write their autobiography until after they’re dead.” I heartily agree with him, but since I’ve been asked to do this, I will give it a shot.

I spent my formative years in Lombard, Illinois, the lilac town where people bleed purple. Even the police cars and the water tower were lilac-colored. So it’s probably no wonder that to this day, when I look at the eyelids of a patient with dermatomyositis, I can’t help but think of home.

In college, I majored in applied mathematics, a field I loved for its logic and structure. Toward the end of my junior year, one of my professors presented a problem with the statement, “If this proof is not evident, you will never be a mathematician.” I took his statement to heart and realized that perhaps applied math wasn’t for me. Luckily, shortly afterward, I was accepted to Rush University Medical School.

I already decided on specializing in family practice. My family practice mentor had encouraged me to take a dermatology rotation, where I found my calling. After consulting my wife, who enthusiastically supported my desire to switch to dermatology, I asked Dr. Fred Malkinson, chair of the Rush Dermatology Department how I could become a dermatologist. He said he’d take me (times were different back then!), but just in case Dr. Malkinson came to his senses, I made sure I had a back-up.

Lucky for me, I was accepted at Rush. What a great beginning this was for me, working with so many physicians, many of whom were also awarded Chicago Dermatology Practitioner of the Year. My residency also marked the beginning of my family with the birth of my son Christopher. While you all know that juggling family and work is akin to a circus act (usually it works, but sometimes something gets dropped!). I always felt the support from our dermatology family.

We moved to Charleston, Illinois after my residency, succumbing to the recruiting overtures of Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital, which offered me an interest-free loan (among other perks). Life in Charleston was slower paced, full of friendly people, and surprisingly busy. Of continued on page 3
ASMA RAFFEEQ ANSARI, M.D. attended the University of Michigan for both her undergraduate and medical school education. After an internship at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, she went back to Ann Arbor to complete her dermatology training. Asma has joined Leone Dermatology in Bloomingdale, Illinois in private practice.

MARIA COLAVINCENZO, M.D. went to Princeton University for college and then the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. She completed her dermatology residency at Weill Cornell-New York Presbyterian Hospital. Maria has joined the dermatology department at Northwestern University as an assistant clinical professor.

JOY H. KUNISHIGE, M.D. attended the University of Florida for both college and medical school. She took her dermatology training at the University of Texas Health Science Center. Joy has completed two fellowships: one at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in cutaneous lymphoma and oncology and the other in procedural dermatology with Drs. Zitelli and Brodland. She is in private practice at Northwest Dermatology in Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

MELANIE D. PALM, M.D. attended the University of Missouri in Columbia. She went to medical school at the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine. After an internship at MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn, Illinois, she completed her dermatology residency at Rush University Medical Center and a cosmetic surgery fellowship in La Jolla, California. She is in private practice with Altman Dermatology Association in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

DIVYA SINGH-BEH, M.D. attended Northeastern Ohio University's six-year combined program for college and medical school. She went to the Cleveland Clinic for both her dermatology residency and for a Mohs micrographic surgery fellowship. Divya is in private practice with Deerfield Dermatology.

AASHISH TANEJA, M.D. went to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and then the Chicago Medical School-Rosalind Franklin University. After an internship at Southern Illinois University, she went to Wayne State University in Detroit for her dermatology training. Aashish is in private practice with Fine Skin Dermatology in Burr Ridge, Illinois.

REBECCA CLARE TUNG, M.D. graduated from Northwestern University and stayed at Northwestern for medical school. She completed an internship, dermatology residency, and a Mohs micrographic surgery fellowship all at the Cleveland Clinic. Rebecca has joined the Dermatology Institute in Naperville, Illinois in private practice.

JILL WEINSTEIN, M.D. graduated from Duke University and then attended Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. She completed her dermatology residency at Northwestern University as well. Jill is in private practice with NMPG Dermatology in downtown Chicago.

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course, when you're the only dermatologist within 50 miles, it helps.

The rural charm of Charleston appealed to me. I couldn't understand who wouldn't be charmed by the wake-up call of mooing cows at 6 a.m. My wife felt that opportunities were limited for her and for the children (Erica was born in Charleston). So after a three-year stint, we moved back to the western suburbs of Chicago. I joined some of my mentors, Drs. Marianne O'Donahue and Louis Gehlmann, in their practice in Oak Brook. I reconnected with my friends at LaGrange Memorial Family Practice, where I helped train family practice residents.

When I talk to dermatology residents, they often say that they had difficulty deciding on a specialty because they liked everything: surgery, pediatrics, medicine and pathology. In choosing dermatology, they got to do it all. It was the same with me 30 years ago. I've been blessed to have a practice that covers all ages and allows me to treat all kinds of patients. I enjoy the children, but I am amazed what you can learn about life from your older patients. Also they are a good source of used golf balls.

Some of the best things that I ever did were getting involved in teaching at Rush, being involved with Chicago Dermatological Society, and serving on committees for the American Academy of Dermatology and the Dermatology Foundation. We are fortunate to have such a dynamic society. I would encourage our younger members to get involved in the Chicago Dermatological Society and the Illinois Dermatological Society. The time you spend is rewarded by the association with some truly wonderful colleagues, plus you have the incredible opportunity to shape the future.

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Maywood. In addition, I was associated in private practice with Drs. Oliver Ormsby and Michael Ebert in 1951. I joined the dermatology staff at Rush as a clinical instructor in 1951, and transferred to the University of Illinois. Through the years until I resigned my position at Illinois in January, 1986, I advanced to the rank of clinical professor of dermatology. From March, 1967 until the end of 1985, I was Chairman of the Division of Dermatology at the Cook County Hospital. From 1958 until 1967, I was an attending dermatologist at Hines Veterans Hospital. In June, 1986 until March, 1988, Doctor Ruth Barsky and I set up a private practice in Israel. Returning to the States, I immediately took up a position as consultant dermatologist at the Cook County Hospital, which I now continue to hold and thoroughly enjoy.

I do have a somewhat alternate career as a musician, starting with bands and orchestras in grade school, high school, and at the University of Illinois. This provided me with great pleasure, some financial returns, and lifelong enjoyment. Jazz has been my thing—first the clarinet, then the saxophone, and now the piano. In 1973, my presidential address to the Chicago Dermatological Society (the first non-dermatology-related speech) was “The History of Jazz.”

I am most proud of my children, Bonnie and Gary, and my nephew, Paul Getz, who became successful dermatologists in the Chicago area. I also wish to acknowledge my great teachers, colleagues, and my parents who contributed selflessly to my development. I am glad to have been given an opportunity to return some of these gifts. During my long career in dermatology, I have been involved with the training of more than 100 residents now scattered over the entire United States. I have always appreciated and been grateful to our Chicago Dermatological Society for what it has offered to me and allowing me to be its treasurer, secretary, and then president in 1973, and for honoring me with the 2002 Gold Medal Award. I am happy beyond words, being held in such esteem by my colleagues. I plan to continue with my activities to the best of my abilities.
Arthur L. Shapiro passed away January 4, 2010 at the age of 96. He attended undergraduate and medical school at the University of Illinois, interned at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago, and did a residency in dermatology at the University of Chicago.

Arthur was in private practice at 25 E. Washington in Chicago. He had affiliations with South Shore and Jackson Park Hospitals (president of the medical staff), South Chicago Hospital, and Mt. Sinai Hospital. He was a clinical professor and chief of the division of dermatology at the Chicago Medical School and volunteered his services at a free clinic at Mt. Sinai Hospital for many years. Arthur truly loved his profession. He attended meetings and kept up with the dermatological literature long after he retired in 1985.

While interning at Mt. Sinai in 1936, he met a nurse, Shirley Steinberg, to whom he was married until she passed away in 1991. They had 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. After his wife passed away, Arthur re-invented himself. He took adult education courses at Northwestern, continued to work on his golf game - going by himself to golf school in Florida at the age of 90, becoming President and Chairman of the Board of the Chicago Loop Synagogue and working out at the health club every single day, including the day he died.

Donald Shapiro

Junji and I were residents in dermatology together at Northwestern University Medical School. We started and finished the residency within a few months of each other. At the end of our residency we both stayed on at Northwestern. I was part time and Junji took the full time job at the Veterans Administration Hospital. Much of his time there was spent teaching residents. He was the best liked of all the teachers and left a mark on dozens of young residents as they went through their training. When former residents came back to visit the department, and at national meetings, Junji was always sought out by his former trainees and often taken to lunch or dinner by them.

Junji was always a gentleman. He never seemed to lose his temper, raise his voice, and even when stressed, the worst language he would use was the word “jeezers.” And this from a man who was in the United States Navy for several years! He was somewhat reserved but always available when colleagues or residents had problems. Once, when I was discouraged about a research project that I thought was going nowhere, we sat down and discussed it. Junji encouraged me to continue, saying that he thought I could finish it and get it published. On his advice I persisted, and as usual, he was right.

One day, many years ago, I noticed that he was wearing a pair of shoes with an odd sole. The shoes were simple black shoes but the sole consisted of a thick slab of rubber that had very deep ripples in it. He told me they were really naval officer’s shoes and that he found them very comfortable. I bought a pair and have them still. I wear them whenever the weather is a little unpleasant. They remind me of Junji, not only because he introduced me to them, but because they are durable, conservative, rugged, reliable and comfortable to be with. I hope they never wear out.

Fred Levit, M.D.
Northwestern University's Dermatology Department is seeking patients for an IRB-approved study for the treatment of metastatic melanoma with cutaneous metastases. Our study involves investigating the newest treatment options. The treatment includes 6 weeks of immunomodulation with imiquimod to the site of cutaneous metastasis, as well as two laser treatments to the affected area with an 810-nm Diomed laser. The laser therapy will be potentiated by injection of a photosensitizing dye, indocyanine green. The patients will receive these treatments free of charge. Please find inclusion/exclusion criteria below.

The rationale behind the therapy is that imiquimod creates a local immune response, while the laser therapy releases tumor particles. This leads to an immune response in situ against the tumor. Based on animal and one previously published human study, we believe this therapy has the potential to destroy local and even distant metastases. It may provide a relatively nontoxic alternative to current therapies in prolonging survival of these patients.

The study will be held at 676 North St. Clair St., Suite 1600. Murad Alam, M.D. is the principal investigator. Please have possible candidates contact Stephanie St. Pierre at spierre@northwestern.edu. Stephanie can be reached at phone number 312.695.6786.

**Inclusion Criteria:**
- Age 18 and older
- Subjects must have histologically confirmed cutaneous metastatic malignant melanoma from any tumor site
- Patients must have measurable disease
- Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status 0-2
- Required laboratory parameters (all blood tests must be obtained within 14 days prior to the start of the study treatment): Platelet count > 40,000 per mm³, ANC > 1,500 per mm³

**Exclusion Criteria:**
- Life expectancy, in the opinion of the investigator of less than 4 months
- Known allergy to any drugs used in treatment
- Immunosuppression, including HIV positive subjects, use of systemic steroids daily, or other immunosuppressive medications within 1 month of treatment
- Chemotherapy/immunotherapy within 4 weeks of initiation
- Local chemotherapy or immunotherapy to target lesions with 4 weeks of initiation
- Radiation therapy at the treatment site within 4 weeks of initiation
- Uncontrolled brain metastases
- History of cutaneous photosensitization or photosensitivity
- Non-treated, active cancers other than melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers
- Active infectious disease requiring antibiotic therapy
- Unstable medical illness
- Past or present major psychiatric illness

**CIDS Research Award**

The recipient of the Chicago Dermatological Research grant is Jennifer Sorrell, M.D. Jennifer's project is titled "The use of text messages to improve adherence to health maintenance behaviors in adolescents with atopic dermatitis." She is a clinical research fellow in the dermatology department at Northwestern University and will begin her residency at Northwestern in 2011.

Atopic dermatitis is a common problem faced by patients of all ages and backgrounds. Treatment regimens and specific therapies may be time consuming and multiple studies have documented a parallel decrease in compliance as time after an office visit increases. The adolescent population is an extremely challenging sub-group of patients in terms of complying with a treatment regimen. Not only are they striving for independence and thus lacking supervision of a regimen by a parent, but their complex thinking skills are immature, leading to forgetful behavior. By introducing a reminder system for these vulnerable patients that is easily incorporated into their daily lives, we propose that patients will have better compliance at applying their medication and thus improving their atopic dermatitis. Text-messaging via cell phones has become very popular among teenagers and adults and provides a non-obtrusive method of sending a treatment reminder.

This is a 6 week study. Subjects between the ages of 10 and 17 will be approached in dermatology clinic for enrollment into this study and appropriately consented. Subjects will be randomized into either a control group or an intervention group. The control group will receive weekly text messages about the weather, news, or pop culture. The intervention group will receive a daily text message about atopic dermatitis and gentle encouragement about compliance. At the end of the 6 week study period, we will compare these two groups in terms of change in disease severity, difference in rate of adherence to treatment regimen, and knowledge about atopic dermatitis. We hypothesize that the group receiving daily text messages about atopic dermatitis will have more improvement in their AD and better adherence to their treatment regimen. If compliance is improved, this technique can be easily incorporated into office practice. In addition, future studies will use text messaging as a means to increase compliance for busy parents who must remember to apply medication for their affected child.

**New Officers for the Chicago Dermatological Society**

The following slate of officers has been chosen for 2010-2011:

President: Shelly Halper, M.D.
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Secretary/President-Elect: Mark Hoffman, M.D.
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The Chicago Dermatological Society owes its success to the dedication, support and participation of its members. The officers are proud to recognize the following dermatologists who have achieved significant milestones in membership.

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