

## CENTENNIAL WEEKEND

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## CHICAGO DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Chicago Dermatological Society celebrated its Centennial on October 5th, 6th, and 7th in Chicago. Members, spouses, and friends came from all over the country to honor our wonderful organization.

The weekend began on Friday night in the Drake Room at the Drake Hotel, with a welcome reception and cocktail party. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Society's Gold Medal Award to Marshall Blankenship, M.D. The award was presented to Marshall by David Lorber, M.D., last year's CDS president. The award is given for lifetime academic excellence and outstanding service. There have been only three previous winners: Larry Solomon, M.D., Fred Malkinson, M.D., and Allan Lorincz, M.D. In accepting the award, Marshall thanked the Society for its contribution to dermatology locally and nationally. The cocktail party was also the occasion when Marshall introduced his book: *The Chicago Dermatological Society – 100 Years of Excellence*.

The scientific program took place on Saturday morning at the Drake. The theme was *THEN* and *NOW*. The *THEN* was a shorter presentation (by members of our centennial committee) of original landmark papers by past members of the CDS. This was followed by a presentation from five national authorities discussing the *NOW*. The morning began with Marshall Blankenship, M.D. reviewing James Nevins Hyde's paper in 1906: "On the Influence of Light on the Production of Cancer of the Skin." Clay Cockerell, M.D. presented: "The Histopathology of Incipient Intra-epidermal Squamous Cell Carcinoma (Actinic Keratosis)." Next, Bruce Bennin, M.D. presented "Senear-Usher Syndrome" reported in 1926 by Francis Senear, M.D. The *NOW* was "Pemphigus Foliaceus" given by John Stanley, M.D. In 1942, Samuel Becker, M.D. wrote about: "Cutaneous Manifestations of Internal Malignant Tumors." This was introduced by James Ertle, M.D. This was followed by the corresponding *NOW* on "Paraneoplastic Dermatoses" given by Grant Anholt, M.D. The fourth presentation, given by Amy Paller, M.D. on "Genetic Syndromes," followed an introduction by David Fretzin, M.D. who summarized the "Basal Cell Nevus Syndrome," which was reported in 1959 by J.B. Howell, M.D. and Marcus Caro, M.D.; and the "Epidermal Nevus Syndrome" reported in 1968 by Lawrence Solomon, M.D., Ronald Sewald, M.D. and David Fretzin, M.D. The program concluded with Mark Gendleman, M.D. reviewing Leon Goldman, M.D.'s paper from 1962 on "The Effect of the Laser Beam on the Skin." R. Rox Anderson, M.D. then presented the final *NOW*: "Lasers in the year 2000."

Saturday afternoon offered an "on-your-own" mix of visiting, sightseeing, shopping and perhaps a little resting. On Saturday evening, the main event again stressed history and tradition with an elegant champagne reception and dinner party at The Chicago Historical Society.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a fabulous year 2001-2 has been! I am grateful to every member of the Society for the vigorous participation in meetings and events that gives our society its unparalleled vitality and excellence. A special thanks to David Lorber for "walking me through the presidency" throughout the year, and to In Young Kim from the Chicago Medical Society for her e-mail contributions, conscientiousness and organization skills. The Centennial celebration was an incredible meeting with superb social events, speakers, and reviews of archival materials, thanks to the tremendous dedication of Marshall Blankenship, Mark Gendleman, Fred Malkinson, and all the members of the Centennial Committee. The Skin Cancer Screening on the beach provided a tremendous service to the community, thanks to Margie Rosenbaum, Lani Clark and their committee. The hard work of the residents and faculty from each training program resulted in another set of superb didactic meetings, and the dedication of the committee chairs/members of the Plans and Policy Committee helped the year to run smoothly. I've thoroughly enjoyed everyone's support, and wish good luck to Mike Tharp for the 2002-3 CDS year.

*Amy Paller, M.D.*

## AWARDS

*The Awards Committee of the Society has chosen the recipients of the Gold Medal, Founders, and the Practitioner of the Year Awards for 2002.*

### **PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

*Awarded each year to an individual for exemplary service as a practitioner of dermatology:*

**MARK GORDON, M.D.**

### **FOUNDERS AWARD**

*Awarded each year to an individual who has devoted extraordinary time and talent as a teacher and clinician:*

**BRUCE BENNIN, M.D.**

### **GOLD MEDAL AWARD**

*Awarded for lifetime outstanding service and academic excellence:*

**SIDNEY BARSKY, M.D.**



### **MARK GORDON, M. D.**

I was born on May 3, 1935, in Chortkow, Poland. It is the same town where my mother was born. After surviving the Second World War with my parents in and around Chortkow (partly living in a ghetto, partly in hiding), we moved in 1945 to a D.P. (Displaced Persons) camp in Germany. We lived in Germany from 1945 to 1949, finally arriving in New York in September of 1949. My father, a physician who trained in Europe, took an internship and obtained a medical license, which enabled him to practice in Jackson Heights, N.Y.C. until his death in 1966.

My schooling consisted of attending a Russian school in Chortkow (1944-45), a Polish school in Krakow and Wroclaw (1945-46) and a Jewish school in Germany (1946-49). After arriving in New York, I attended Theodore Roosevelt High School and New York University.

After graduating from The Chicago Medical School in 1960, I interned in New York at Long Island Jewish Hospital. Subsequently, I served two years in the U.S. Navy as a medical officer: first aboard a destroyer tender, and subsequently at the naval base in Newport, Rhode Island. Between 1963 and 1966 I took my dermatology residency at The Skin and Cancer Hospital (Temple University) in Philadelphia. After finishing my residency, I practiced for two years in Philadelphia, part-time in private practice and part-time at The Skin and Cancer Hospital. In 1968, I settled in the Chicago area, establishing my practice at The Hammond Clinic in Munster, Indiana, and residing in Flossmoor, Illinois, about twenty minutes from my practice.

Since my arrival in Chicago, I have been on the volunteer staff at Northwestern Dermatology Department and a member of the Chicago Dermatological Society. Last year, after thirty-five years in practice, I cut my schedule to three days a week. At the same time we moved from Flossmoor to downtown Chicago.

I was married in 1960 to Madeline Tropp from Gary, Indiana. We have two children. Cynthia Joan Kaye is a lawyer, who resides with her husband Douglas, a physician, and two children, Ari and Jonah, in Palo Alto, California. My second born, Ken Gordon, a dermatologist and member of the CDS, resides in Northbrook, Illinois with his wife Dafna, a physician, and two children, Danny and Jakey.

As far as hobbies and keeping busy, my wife's and my greatest pleasure is to be with our four grandsons, who range in age from four to eleven. I also try to follow my son's developing academic career with pride and joy. We also enjoy traveling. Besides making a few trips to California each year, we are planning a trip to Australia and New Zealand next winter. I also try to play golf – a most unsuccessful endeavor – after having to give up tennis because of knee problems.

*Mark Gordon, M.D.*

### **BRUCE BENNIN, M.D.**

I was born in Chicago and grew up on Chicago's north side. I graduated from Senn High School and attended Northwestern University, Bradley University, and the Chicago Medical School. When I was an intern at Michael Reese Hospital, one of my rotations was with Dr. David Fretzin. Although I was not anticipating a career in dermatology (as my efforts probably reflected), I appreciated Dr. Fretzin's knowledge and enthusiasm for the specialty and his energetic persona. After an internship in internal medicine, I was undecided about what to do next, so I took a year to "evaluate my options" (a neoeuphemism of the nineties). I really was confused about what I wanted to do.

I spent that year enjoying a delayed honeymoon (I started my internship the day after my wedding so we hadn't had one) and working at the 26th Street Venereal Disease Clinic. Among the four dermatologists on the clinic's staff was Dr. Louise Tavs. Dr. Tavs was a nationally renowned dermatologist and venereologist and had practiced for many years in Chicago. She was an exceptional and extraordinary individual. She found every medical encounter fascinating, and her animated enthusiasm was contagious. Every case was a medical mystery, and she found something fascinating in even the most common and routine case. I could write a book about my experiences that year. It not only gave me an entrée into dermatology, but also gave me the skills to set up the Uptown Venereal Disease Clinic, where I worked on Saturdays (during my residency) for fun and extra money to support my growing family.

I was fortunate to secure a dermatology residency at

### **SIDNEY BARSKY, M.D.**

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.

It had always been my dream to become a physician after witnessing the activities of our local family physicians who cared for members of my family – my mother was a chronic sufferer of stasis dermatitis. Because of financial hardships and with the encouragement of relatives who were optometrists, I entered Northern Illinois College of Optometry in 1936. After one year there, my parents offered me the opportunity to fulfill my dream and 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

Cook County Hospital, where, like Dr. Tavs and Dr. Fretzin, Dr. Sidney Barsky had that “joie de dermat.” Dr. Barsky, to this day, can look at even normal skin and find something unique and interesting about it. Not only is Dr. Barsky a great mentor and teacher, but he remains a great student. He has probably attended more meetings and lectures than anyone. In addition, I had the bonus of attending the University of Illinois staff meetings and various lectures. I witnessed the sardonic and reflective aspects of the brilliant Dr. Adolf Rostenberg and the scholarly and uniquely communicative gifts of Dr. Larry Solomon. Added to all this were the Chicago Dermatological Society meetings, which gave me monthly contact with many of the knowledgeable and experienced dermatologists in Chicago and the Midwest.

After completing my residency, I connected with Dr. Burton Silver, joining his practice in Deerfield, Illinois, where I remained for more than twenty years. I now am in practice in Skokie, Illinois, with my partners – Drs. Anne Bronner, Jeffrey Draluck, and Peter Hallarman, all of whom I worked with in Deerfield. I have learned much from all my associates, who bring varying career histories and influences and different generational backgrounds to the practice.

I continue to teach at Cook County Hospital and now Rush, which I have done since 1976. Dr. Darryl Bronson and Dr. Kathleen Remlinger are colleagues whose knowledge is exceeded only by their wise application of it. I try to keep up with the residents and teach them the things I have learned from my experiences. What I feel is most important is to instill in the residents a sense of enjoy-

ment and appreciation for the study of dermatology and a sensitivity to the patients. It is in this way that I feel I can carry on the finest traditions of medicine that have been passed on to me.

I am very honored to receive this Founders Award. I remember Dr. Rostenberg saying, if you live long enough, you start getting awards (which reminds you how old you are getting). Paraphrasing Woody Allen, “Eighty percent of recognition in life is just showing up.” But the way I feel is summed up in a quote from Walter Lippmann, who once said “I don’t know exactly what awards mean, but it means a lot to me to get it from this group.”

I hope that all the people whom I have taught over the years take away a few things from my many lectures. One is the quote of Neils Bohr: “Our task is not to penetrate the essence of things, the meaning we don’t know anyway, but rather develop concepts which allow us to talk in a productive way about the phenomena in nature.”

Finally, I would like to say that my wife, Eileen, and my two sons, Steven and Howard, are unique and inspirational people. As many of you know, my two boys are autistic. Because of their disability, I have learned never to take even the most minor of life’s gifts for granted. Through Eileen, I have learned that all challenges in life must be accepted with patience, persistence, perseverance, and with love.

*Bruce Bennin, M.D.*



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 dermatology 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 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.

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My husband was born and reared in Illinois, and is a true Midwesterner. In fact he believes that Midwesterners are the best people in the world. On the other hand, we do enjoy seeing the rest of the world. Jim went to Dartmouth on a scholarship and studied medicine initially in Switzerland. We returned to St. Louis University for internship and came home to the University of Chicago for residency and an immunology fellowship. After two years in the Navy, he went into private practice with Tom Andrews, M.D. in Hinsdale, Illinois, and joined the faculty at Rush Medical School.

Jim enjoys working on Chicago and Illinois Dermatological Society's issues and was President of both these groups. He has taken on many causes which he believes in, regardless of whether or not they are popular. One of his proudest accomplishments was getting a law passed in Illinois that regulates tanning parlors. He also worked very hard on direct access legislation and a bill to regulate tattoo parlors.

He has been active in the AAD on the Executive Committee of the Advisory Board, Chairman of the Quality of

Care Committee, and is now Chairman of the International Affairs Committee. Jim also serves currently on the Board of Directors of the Noah Worcester Society, the Dermatology Foundation, the Foundation for International Dermatological Education, and is Secretary-Treasurer of the Great Lakes Dermatological Society.

We love traveling and have visited all of the continents. After visiting the Regional Dermatological Training Center in Tanzania and another hospital in Kenya, we have become enthusiastic about helping to bring dermatological care to the underserved people in sub-Saharan Africa. Jim has recently visited several Rotary Clubs to seek scholarships for those in training at the center in Tanzania.

We have two grown children, two little grandchildren, and a third grandchild due in September. When Jim received the Dermatology Foundation's Practitioner of the Year Award in New Orleans this year, he thanked his family, friends and colleagues whose support made all his efforts possible.

*Virginia Ertle*

**BARSKY (continued)**

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 life-long 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 unselfishly 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 Society of Dermatology for what it has offered to me and allowing me to be its treasurer, secretary, and then president in 1973. In 1976 I was given the Clark Finnerud Award.

Finally I would like to express my most profound thanks to the Awards Committee of the Chicago Dermatological Society 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.

*Sidney Barsky, M.D.*

**CENTENNIAL (continued)**

After dinner, the guests moved to the Rubloff Auditorium at the Historical Society for the evening's entertainment. Mark Gendleman, M.D. and his wife Lynn premiered their video “The Meeting.” Produced by Mark and directed by Lynn, the documentary brought to life the 100-year history of our remarkable organization. Archival materials and old photographs and film footage took the audience on a sentimental and compelling journey.

Finally – with an introduction by Fred Malkinson, M.D. – a lecture on “100 Years of Architecture” was given by Elizabeth Smith, the James W. Alsdorf curator of our Museum of Contemporary Art. Her presentation placed the development of the CDS in a fascinating and visually exciting context.

The Centennial weekend concluded Sunday morning with clinical case presentations by the Northwestern University Dermatology Department. The discussions took place at Thorne Hall on beautiful Lake Michigan. The cases were fantastic. The discussion which followed was educational and enlightening.

The Chicago Dermatological Society would like to thank the entire Centennial Committee for all their work and preparation over the past five years: Marshall Blankenship, M.D., Mark Gendleman, M.D., Milton Robin, M.D., Fred Malkinson, M.D., Bruce Bennin, M.D., James Ertle, M.D. and Amy Paller, M.D. A very special thanks to Andre Henly, Executive Secretary of the CDS.

See you at the 125th Celebration!

*Mark D. Gendleman, M.D.*

THE MEETINGS OF the Chicago Dermatological Society ranked next to the Academy when one was looking for an educational meeting. As such, physicians rarely missed a scheduled meeting. Physicians from the surrounding states would make an effort to attend.

In the 40s, 50s and 60s, this was not so easily achieved. There was invariably a contingent from the University of Minnesota that would include Drs. Henry Michelson, Carl Laymon, and Robert W. Goltz from Minneapolis, and Drs. Francis Lynch and John Madden from St. Paul. The Mayo Clinic was represented by one or two members of the staff that included Drs. Paul A. O’Leary, Louis Brunsting, Hamilton Montgomery, Robert Kierland, Richard K. Winkelmann or myself.

Considerable planning had to be made to attend. For the Rochester contingent, travel started at about 8 p.m. the night before the meeting. One took a sleeper aboard the “Minnesota 400” and rode all night, arriving in Chicago at about 9 a.m. the next morning. Then there was the trip from the train station to a hotel room and the meeting in the afternoon. A late train was boarded for the night return trip to Rochester.

One was never quite certain of one’s arrival time. I remember on one occasion, Louis Brunsting awakened at night and immediately noticed the absence of the clicking of the train or the swaying of the sleeper. He arose, looked out several windows, and realized his sleeper had been placed on a sidetrack in the center of Wisconsin and was going nowhere! After waiting a couple of hours, the engine returned and he was on his way once again.

The cases presented at the Chicago Dermatological Society always illustrated rare or unusual diseases. Each case had a lesson, or two, or three to teach. There were always the luminaries from Chicago and its environs in attendance: Francis Seneor, Marcus Caro, Stephen Rothman, Herbert Rattner, James H. Mitchell, James R. Webster, Leonard Weber, Adolph Rostenberg, Jr., Frederick J. Szymanski, A.M. Johnson, and James B. Howell. Very often friendly disagreements among these “giants” would arise which afforded excellent opportunities for learning. All these men were easily approachable, and it was always possible to discuss one’s difficult dermatology problems with them.

The meetings would last approximately four hours, which for the members from the outlying areas required an expenditure of at least 24 hours of actual train time in addition to the meeting time. But those who attended invariably felt the knowledge gained was worth the investment of time and effort.

And still today, the Chicago Dermatological Society remains in the upper echelon of quality scientific meetings.

*Harold O. Perry, M.D.*

FOR MANY YEARS we at Cook County took with great pride and privilege the responsibility of providing at least one-half of the cases presented to the monthly meetings of the Society. With our material, even at short notice, we could show brain twisters, much to the delight of the members, visiting professors, and ourselves. It was as though our residency program at County revolved around this ever-continuing activity. We humbly accepted the praises of many, though we at times could not satisfy requests for some esoteric lab study.

Outstanding County teachers such as Theodore Cornbleet, Michael Ebert, Herbert Rattner, James Webster, David Omens, Samuel Bluefarb, Harold Rodin, David Cohen, and others affiliated with the surrounding medical schools, set examples for us down through the years.

Darryl Bronson and I are eternally grateful to the attending staff and residents, past and present, of the Cook County Hospital for their participation and contributions to the Chicago Dermatological Society. May the Society go from strength to strength.

*Sidney Barsky, M.D.*

**Centennial Weekend.**

*From top (l. to r.):*

*[1] Drs. David Lorber,*

*Marshall Blankenship, and Mark Gendleman;*

*[2] Drs. Sidney Barsky, Sam Solomon, Bonnie Barsky*

*and Bruce Bennin; [3] Drs. Michael Tharp and June Robinson;*

*[4] Drs. Frank Dunlap, M. Barry Kirschenbaum, and Alan Lasser.*



## NEW CHAIRMAN AT NORTHWESTERN

On February 1, 2002, John C. Ansel, M.D. became Professor and Chairman of the Department of Dermatology at Northwestern University. Dr. Ansel came from Atlanta, Georgia, where he was Professor of Dermatology at Emory University and Chief of Dermatology at the VA Medical Center. Prior to joining Emory University in 1995, Dr. Ansel was on the faculty at Oregon Health Sciences University where he obtained the rank of tenured associate professor of dermatology, cell biology, and anatomy. Joining him are four research fellows from Emory as well as Cheryl Armstrong, M.D. Dr. Armstrong will be the residency program director, a position she held at Emory University.

Dean Lewis Landsberg, M.D., of Northwestern University Medical School, commented, "Dr. Ansel has an international reputation for research in skin inflammation and will add significant strength to the prominent epithelial biology program at Northwestern." Dean Landsberg expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Brian Cook, M.D., associate professor of dermatology, who has served as acting department chair with "notable distinction" for three-and-a-half years.

Dr. Ansel received his bachelor's degree in 1971 from LaSalle University and MD degree in 1977 from Hahnemann Medical University, both located in Philadelphia, where he was born. He completed his medicine internship at Brown University and dermatology residency at the University of Pennsylvania, where he served as chief resident. He then moved to Bethesda, Maryland, to serve for two years as a medical staff fellow at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and another two years as a research fellow at the National Cancer Institute. Dr. Ansel's research is in the neurobiology of the skin and the role of neuromodulators in wound healing and inflammatory responses of skin. He is also conducting research with inflammation and wound healing with the cornea.

Dr. Ansel's vision for the dermatology department at Northwestern includes Northwestern's strengths in both research and academia. The Dean and the University have invested significant resources in the renovation of 6000 additional square feet of space in the Ward Building on campus, as well as the recruitment of additional academic faculty. Dr. Ansel would like residents to serve as junior faculty and become future leaders in the field of dermatology.

Dr. Ansel's wife, Melissa A. Brown, Ph.D. will be joining the department of microbiology and immunology at Northwestern. Her research is in the immunology of multiple sclerosis. John and Melissa have one daughter, Bridget, who is excited about the move to Chicago.

*Mark Gendleman, M.D.*

## NEW CHAIRMAN AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

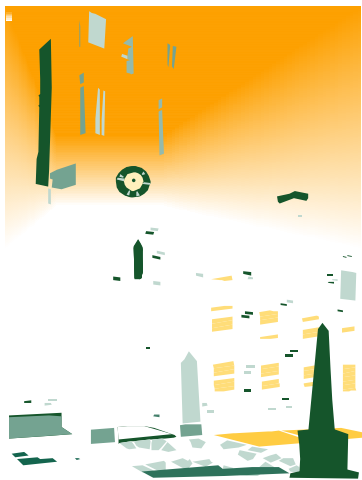
Christopher R. Shea, MD became chief of the Section of Dermatology at the University of Chicago on October 5, 2001. He succeeded James C. Shaw, MD. Dr. Shea formerly served as professor and director of the Section of Dermatopathology at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. He is board-certified in dermatology, dermatopathology, and anatomic pathology.

A native of New York City, Dr. Shea graduated from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island in 1976. He attended medical school and performed a pathology fellowship at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He then completed an internship in medicine at Alameda County Medical Center in Oakland, California, and two years of a research fellowship at the Wellman Laboratories of Photomedicine at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. His research in Boston focused on selective targeting of sub-cellular organelles with lasers and photodynamic therapy. He went on to complete his dermatology residency at Harvard Medical School in 1989, and then served as an attending dermatologist at Massachusetts General Hospital for one year. Next, he took a dermatopathology fellowship at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center in New York City from 1990-1992, and subsequently stayed at Cornell for three additional years as an attending pathologist and dermatologist, before moving to Duke University in 1995.

Dr. Shea has written over 160 papers, book chapters, and abstracts. His chief research interests are in melanoma and other pigmented lesions, and in photobiology of skin. He is presently collaborating with Dr. Lyn Duncan of Massachusetts General Hospital on a prospective trial of melastatin expression on primary melanoma, as correlated with the presence of micrometastases in sentinel lymph nodes. He is also engaged in continued collaborative research with colleagues at Duke University regarding development of topical antioxidants for protection of skin against ultraviolet injury, in a porcine model.

Dr. Shea is married to Kuri Shea, a native of Ota, Japan. She is completing her Doctor of Education dissertation from Teachers College, Columbia University, on the sociocultural differences between Americans and Japanese in their styles of complaining. Kuri is still in North Carolina, concluding the selling of their house and other matters. Kuri has lived most of her life in large cities such as Tokyo, New York, Boston, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. After seven years in the more rural environment of North Carolina, she is eagerly anticipating her move to Chicago and its fabulous cultural attractions.

*Mark Gendleman, M.D.*



Amy Paller was born in Cleveland, Ohio. After reading an anthology of stories about pioneering physician-scientists (*Microbe Hunters*, published in the 1920s), Amy became intrigued by medicine and scientific discovery. As a child, she kept a progressively expanding collection of saved articles from the "Medicine" sections of *Time* magazine, and to this day remembers her fascination with the woman with lupus who had to be shielded at all times from the sun and the many patients described with genetic diseases. While she knew early she'd want to be a doctor, she admits to vacillating at times when she considered following in her parents' footsteps, both trained as teachers and counselors. Inevitably, Amy was able to combine these varied interests.

It may come as no surprise that Amy was very active in extracurricular activities at high school, such as President of Girls' Council, Vice President of Boosters' Club, and Treasurer of the Choir. She was also a gym cadet, particularly enjoyed running and basketball, and sang with the Chamber Choir as well as an eight-person musical group, "Pieces of Eight." Among her memorable experiences was singing with the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus during summers while in high school and early college.

Amy completed both undergraduate and graduate training in genetics at Brown University. She admits, however, that she often spent more time singing with the Jabberwocks, a traditionally male group that went coed for only a few years, coincident with the university's going coed in the early 1970s. She enjoyed medical school in Palo Alto, California, but missed the Midwest with its seasons. While at Stanford, Amy trained under the recently deceased Al Jacobs, a father of pediatric dermatology, who advised her to "go to Chicago and study with Nancy Esterly." The rest is history. After starting her pediatrics training at Northwestern, Amy arranged with Henry Roenigk to start her dermatology training after pediatrics. It was during her dermatology residency that Amy met Etahn Cohen on a bicycling trip through Chicago's Caldwell Woods. By the end of her residency, Amy was engaged. She and Etahn "financed" both United Airlines and AT&T for a year during Amy's research fellowship training. Other than that one year research fellowship at the University of North Carolina, Amy has been in Chicago.

Amy's first real job was at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's where she worked closely with Fred Malkinson and Roger Pearson. She attributes her editing ability to the attention paid by Fred Malkinson to her early writ-

ing and greatly appreciates his commitment. Although Amy's research fellowship work focused on epidermolysis bullosa and EBA, her tutelage with Roger Pearson solidified her interest and expertise in EB. Amy also became familiar with ganglioside research through an association with a basic scientist at Rush who, coincidentally, now runs a laboratory next to Amy's at Children's Memorial Hospital.

When Nan Esterly left Children's in 1987, Amy was invited to succeed her as head of pediatric dermatology at Children's. Although thoroughly enjoying her experience at Rush, Amy moved back to her alma mater in 1988 to join the Northwestern faculty with her former teachers, Henry Roenigk, Ruth Frienkel, Bill Caro and June Robinson. On her own initially, Amy appreciated the invaluable help with patients provided several times weekly by Betsy LaVoo and Lynne Eramo. Annette Wagner was first to join her on the Children's faculty in 1993, and has attained prominence as the "mother" of pediatric dermatological surgery. Tony Mancini, who arrived in 1996, is a superb teacher and directs the clinics. Sarah Chamlin, an expert in quality of life research for atopic dermatitis, joined the faculty more than a year ago, and Becca Cummins, who completed her fellowships at Children's and then in Australia, returned this year as part-time faculty. Amy is thrilled that the division has grown greatly during the past 14 years. She feels blessed to be surrounded by "incredible" faculty members who are not only superb pediatric dermatologists but close friends.

Amy can't imagine having any other career. She considers herself lucky to have had incredible mentors, particularly Nan Esterly, but also the many Chicago dermatologists, residents and fellows with whom she's worked during training, as a junior faculty member, and on an ongoing basis. Most importantly, Amy is indebted to Etahn and her three sons (Joshua, 15; Max, 13; and Ben, 10) for their unflagging patience, support and understanding of a wife and mom with a very challenging schedule.

Amy is grateful for having been selected as President of the Chicago Dermatological Society. Between the Centennial celebration, the first Skin Cancer Screening on the beach, and superb meetings organized by each medical center, it has truly been a special year.



**GREGG MENAKER, M.D.**

Dr. Menaker received his B.A., from Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts, and his M.D. from the University of Illinois. After an internal medicine internship at Evanston Northwestern Healthcare in Evanston, Illinois, he completed a dermatology residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He went on to do a fellowship in Mohs and cosmetic surgery at the UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles, California. He was Director of Dermatologic Surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital for three years before coming back to this area. He is currently Director of Dermatologic Surgery at Evanston Northwestern Healthcare.

Gregg and his wife Michelle were both raised in Highland Park. In fact, they first met in their sixth grade homeroom class at Edgewood Junior High School. They have a two-year-old son, Michael, and are expecting another child in August. It was the birth of Michael that made clear it to them the importance of returning home to their family in Chicago. The Menakers are currently living in Highland Park, within one mile of plenty of free babysitting at Grandma and Grandpa's house. In between changing diapers and feedings, Dr. Menaker is an avid recreational ice hockey player. He is also a volunteer surveyor for the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care and travels frequently throughout the country to inspect ambulatory surgery centers.

**JONATHAN A. DALTON, M.D.**

Dr. Dalton graduated from Saint Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, in 1993, and attended medical school at the University of South Florida College of Medicine in Tampa. After an internship at Evanston Northwestern Healthcare, he completed his dermatology residency at the University of Illinois in Chicago.

Jonathan has lived in Evanston for the last five years. He enjoys running along the lakefront and attempting to compete in the Chicago Marathon every year. His other interests include sailing, golf, and reading. He is in private practice in Deerfield, Illinois, with Doctors Burton E. Silver, Marcia E. Johnson, and Yuri L. Livshots.

**YURI L. LIVSHOTS, M.D., PH.D.**

Dr. Livshots obtained a B.A. and M.D. from the Moscow Pirogov School of Medicine in Russia, which he attended from 1976 to 1982. He then completed an internship and residency in pediatric surgery at the Pirogov School of Medicine. From 1987 to 1990, he studied and earned a Ph.D. in the medical application of lasers at the USSR National Academy of Science. After arriving in the United States, Yuri was a clinical research fellow in the Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery, Epstein Photomedicine Institute at the Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, Wisconsin. He then completed a resi-

dency in internal medicine at Columbus Hospital in Chicago, and a dermatology residency at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Yuri's professional interests include dermatological surgery, lasers, and Mohs micrographic surgery. He enjoys computers and skiing. He is happily married to Marina and is most proud of his two sons, Mark and Jeremy.

**ROBIN SEPTON, M.D.**

Dr. Septon was born in 1971 in Chicago, the oldest of three children. After growing up in Deerfield, she went to the University of Illinois and studied biology, Hebrew, and Spanish. After graduation, she returned to Chicago to attend medical school at Rush and stayed there for her first year of training. She completed her dermatology residency at the University of Illinois in 2001 and became board certified that same year. After her residency, Robin joined her father, Robert M. Septon, M.D. at Septon Dermatology Associates in the northern suburbs. She enjoys working with her dad very much and looks forward to the continued development of their practice.

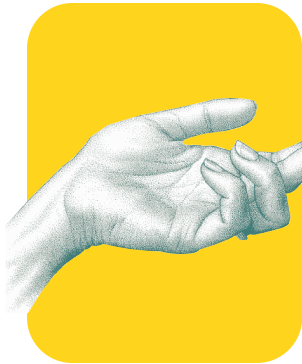
Dr. Septon shares her home with her African grey parrot, Sophie. When not working, Robin likes to sing and play guitar, cook, and train for triathlons. She also enjoys foreign travel, having visited six countries on three continents last year. For her next trip, she hopes to cycle through Cuba in the late fall. At least for the next few months, she plans to stay on U.S. soil, having just purchased her first home in the Buena Park neighborhood of Chicago.

**STEPHEN B. WEBSTER, M.D.**

Dr. Webster was born in Chicago and brought up in Hyde Park. That was a wonderful area to be brought up in, with close proximity to the lake, the University of Chicago, and all the museums. His father was a dermatologist in Chicago, with an office downtown in the Pittsfield Building. He has very strong ties to dermatology in Chicago and is very proud to be a member of the Chicago Dermatological Society.

Dr. Webster went to undergraduate school and medical school at Northwestern University, graduating in 1960. After a rotating internship at Colorado General Hospital in Denver, he moved to Washington, D.C. and took his dermatology residency at Walter Reed Medical Center. That was a superb experience, with a wide variety of patients and an opportunity to spend time with Dr. Elson Helwig at the AFIP. After completing the dermatology residency at Walter Reed, he was sent to the Field Hospital in Wurzburg, Germany, spending three years there. After leaving the military in 1969, he joined the staff of Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit under the leader-

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## MEETINGS IN REVIEW

We are all familiar with the excellence of our friendly and educational Chicago Dermatological Society meetings. We are also familiar with the American Academy of Dermatology annual meetings. We are all bombarded with information about meetings of other groups or societies taking place nationally and internationally. However, less is known to the average practicing dermatologist about the quality and scope of these meetings. Even less is written about the non-medical side of these meetings (travel, recreation, etc.) that makes paying for, traveling to, and attending these meetings worthwhile. The purpose of this article is to give members a brief review and recommendation about one such meeting. The opinions will be those of the reviewer and do not reflect or constitute the opinion or recommendation of the Chicago Dermatological Society or the event's sponsor.

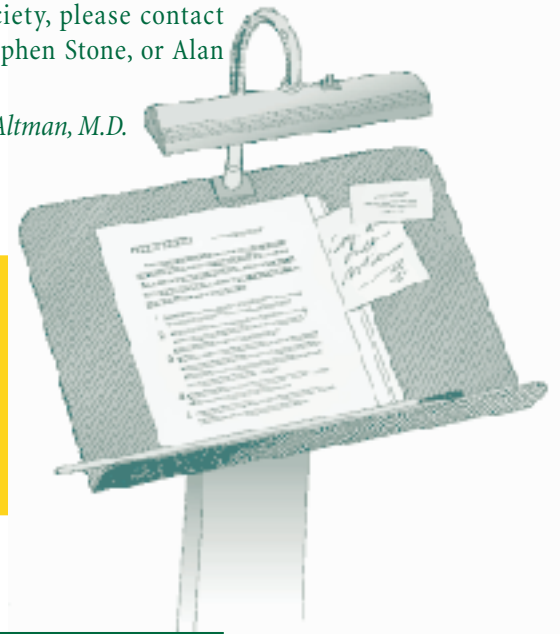
The first review of this series is the 44th Annual Meeting of the Noah Worcester Dermatological Society which was held January 13-19 at the beautiful Ritz Carlton resort in Laguna Niguel, California. The Noah meeting is probably one of the only week-long meetings that one can attend. There are always several attendees who are members of the Chicago Dermatological Society, and it is nice to see familiar faces. Noah meetings are always held in very desirable, prime resort locations. The meetings feature timely and interesting scientific presentations in the mornings, leaving afternoons and evenings free for social and fun activities. The presentations range from the pragmatic management of common dermatologic issues to the more scientific and pathophysiologically focused. Attendees and speakers include experienced practitioners as well as leading university affiliated dermatologists. The audiovisual level of the presentations has been excellent and what one would expect from a quality meeting.

The nice part about the meeting is the chance to interact with colleagues from around the country in a smaller, less crowded setting. Unlike the Academy meeting, there are no residents and few international attendees. There are many enjoyable social events throughout the course of the meeting including: a golf and tennis tournament, a very competitive croquet and ping-pong tournament, book club, morning walk/run, and a Sherlock Holmes group featuring our own Dr. Marshall Blankenship. There are evening social events throughout the week, great discussion and interaction opportunities, and a formal dinner dance on Friday evening. I know that I really have come to appreciate the many talents of my fellow dermatologists both clinically and in general.

Advantages of this meeting include the social aspects as discussed above, and ample amounts of quality and useful CME time and the desirable location of the event.

The Noah Worcester Dermatological Society annual meeting is restricted to members and invitees. For further information about the society, please contact myself, or Drs. Ray Handler, Stephen Stone, or Alan Lasser.

Jeffrey Altman, M.D.



## MIDWEST CLINICAL CONFERENCE

On Sunday, March 24, 2002, the Chicago Dermatological Society and the Chicago Medical Society sponsored "Trends in Dermatology" as part of the Midwest Clinical Conference 2002. Despite a typical Chicago spring day (cold, windy, and threatening to snow), there was an excellent turnout at Navy Pier.

The first speaker was Dr. Sarah Chamlin, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Dermatology at Northwestern University, who presented an *Update on Atopic Dermatitis*. She gave a great overview of the subject and included information on such innovative therapies as topical Chinese medicine (may contain topical steroids unbeknownst to the consumer) and infant massages. Dr. Mark Hoffman, Assistant Professor of Dermatology at Rush-Presbyterian-St Luke's Medical Center, then spoke on *Emerging Therapies for Psoriasis*. He discussed "biologic agents" that target more precisely the immunologic and/or inflammatory disturbances occurring in psoriasis. Dr. David Pezen, Clinical Associate at the University of Chicago, spoke on *New Dermatologic Therapies* in which he gave a rundown on the latest in dermatologic therapies from A (Avita) to V (Vaniqua). The final speaker was Dr. Clarence Brown, Assistant Professor of Dermatology and Director of Mohs Micrographic Surgery at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center. Dr. Brown spoke on *The Human Papilloma Virus and Its Role in Oncogenesis*. He fielded numerous difficult patient-related questions from the practitioners. The Chicago Dermatological Society appreciates all the work the speakers did to make the conference a success.

Shail Busbey, M.D.

## 2002-2003 TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

**OCTOBER, 2002**  
Northwestern University  
Speaker TBA

**NOVEMBER 13, 2002**  
University of Chicago  
Speaker TBA

**DECEMBER 4, 2002**  
University of Illinois  
Chicago  
Toni Gaspari, M.D.

**FEBRUARY, 2003**  
Location TBA  
Coding Seminar  
Allan Wirtzer, M.D.

**MARCH 19, 2003**  
Cook County Hospital  
Speaker TBA

**APRIL, 2003**  
Location TBA  
Speaker TBA

**MAY 21, 2003**  
Rush-Presbyterian-  
St. Luke's  
Jeff Callen, M.D.

## NEW OFFICERS FOR THE CHICAGO DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Better Existence with HIV  
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IL Department of Public Health  
Evanston Health Department  
1-847-866-2948  
Jewish AIDS Network  
1-773-275-2626  
National AIDS Clearinghouse  
Centers for Disease Control  
1-800-458-5231

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National Alopecia Areata  
Foundation  
1-415-456-4644

### CANCER

American Cancer Society  
1-404-320-3333  
National Cancer Institute  
Public Inquiries Office  
1-301-496-6631  
Office of Cancer Communication  
1-800-422-6237

### HERPES

Herpes Resource Center  
American Social Health Assn.  
National Herpes Hotline  
1-919-361-8488

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HPV Support Program  
Cervical Cancer Hotline  
American Social Health Assn.  
1-919-361-4848

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Ichthyosis Foundation  
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Lupus Foundation of America  
1-800-558-0121/1-301-670-9292

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Nat. Neurofibromatosis Found.  
1-800-323-7938/1-212-344-6633

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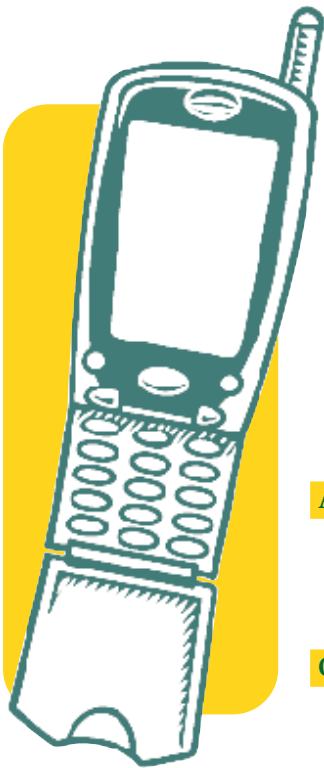
VZV Research Foundation  
1-800-472-8478/1-212-472-3181

### SKIN CANCER

Skin Cancer Foundation  
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### VITILIGO

National Organization for  
Albinism & Hypopigmentation  
1-800-473-2310/1-603-887-2310



## NEWS FROM THE ILLINOIS DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY

After our well-received but ill-fated lobbying efforts in Washington on Sept. 10, 2001, this has been an uneventful year in Illinois on the political front. In the fall, new regulations for CME and ACLS certification for the administration of in-office anesthesia came into effect. Since then we have been following the Fairness in Contracting Bill (H.B.6032/S.B. 1848) which came out of the House Executive Committee in the middle of April. Naturally, we support the skin cancer screening on the beach on July 13, 2002. We are working on a campaign, together with the Chicago Society for Gastroenterology, to educate the public on the dangers of body piercing and tattooing. If anyone has any ideas related to this or any other issue please contact me at 773-834-0607 or [alaumann@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu](mailto:alaumann@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu) or our President-Elect, Jonith Breadon, M.D. at 773-883-5300 or fax: 773-883-1807.

*Anne Laumann, M.D.  
President, IDS*

## NEW MEMBERS (continued)

ship of Dr. Clarence Livingood, who has always been one of his heroes and mentors in dermatology and life in general. The city life was not exactly what he was looking for as a place to bring up his family, so he moved to LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and the Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center. The Websters have enjoyed living on Wisconsin's great west coast, with the Mississippi River flowing gently by, and Stephen has enjoyed working at the Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center as it grew to its present size of 380 doctors as a multi-specialty clinic.

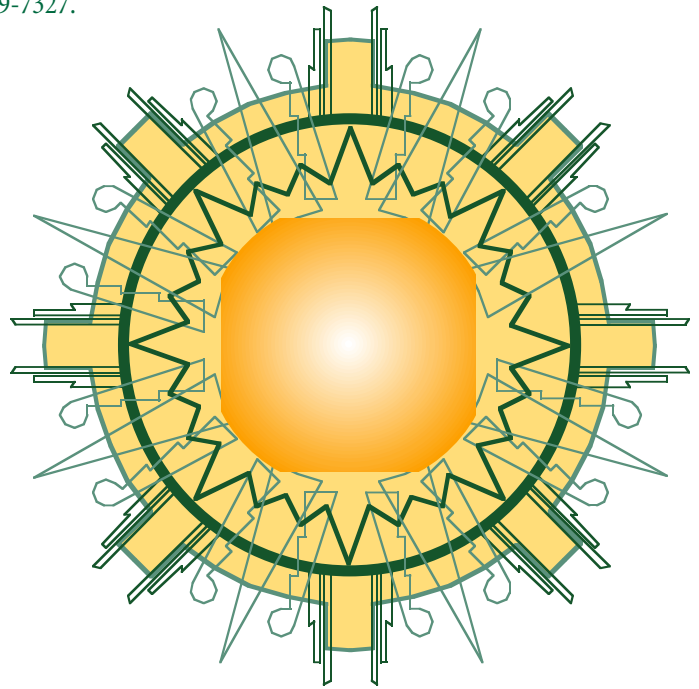
Dr. Webster has been very involved in the American Academy of Dermatology, much like his father, and has served as Secretary-Treasurer, President, and as a delegate and alternate delegate from the Academy to the AMA. He has also served as Associate Executive Director of the American Board of Dermatology where he participated in developing the certifying and recertification examinations, making the examinations an educational experience.

Steve has been married for 43 years to a wonderful woman, Katie. They have three children: David, who is in sports medicine in Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Margaret, who is the sixth generation Dr. Webster, an internist at the Gundersen Clinic; and Jim, who is a fish biologist who moved back to LaCrosse recently from Washington state. Steve's hobbies include working on his garden railroad and performing with the LaCrosse and District Pipes and Drums.

## SKIN CANCER SCREENING ON THE BEACH 2002

The Chicago Dermatological Society is conducting a second annual *Skin Cancer Screening at North Avenue Beach on Saturday, July 13, 2002, from noon until 4:00 p.m.* Last year, 35 of our members, 20 of our residents, and many volunteer staff generously donated their time and talent. They screened over 500 people, educated beachgoers about the effects of the sun on the skin, and distributed free sunscreen samples. More than 160 participants were referred for followup of suspicious lesions. Through media coverage, we reached beyond the beach to raise public awareness of the most easily identifiable, curable, and potentially preventable of all cancers. Not only did we provide a much needed service to the community, we also helped to spread the message dermatologists are true experts in the management of diseases of the skin. Please come enjoy a day at the beach and help fight skin cancer at the same time.

- ◆ Volunteer sign-up forms can be obtained from In Young Kim at the CDS: 312-670-2582.
- ◆ Please fax completed forms to: 312-664-8860.
- ◆ For updated information call the Screening on the Beach Hotline: 312-329-7327.



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Award for lifetime outstanding service and academic excellence.

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- 2002 Sidney Barsky, M.D.

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Awarded each year to an individual who has devoted extraordinary time and talent as a part-time teacher and clinician.

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