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Remembering Peter Randall (1923-2014)

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On November 16, 2014, the international plastic surgery community lost a true giant in the field of plastic surgery. At the age of 91, Peter Randall, Emeritus Professor of Plastic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, succumbed to complications following a stroke and passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family.

Peter was born in Philadelphia on March 29, 1923. He attended the William Penn Charter School, graduated from Princeton University in 1944, and from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1946. He completed his internship at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore in 1947, and then returned to Philadelphia to train in general surgery at the US Naval Hospital (1947-48) and the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (1947-50). He then served a preceptorship in

St. Louis with James Barrett Brown (1950-52) and an additional year of plastic surgery training at Barnes and St Louis Children's Hospital (1952-53).

At the completion of his training, Peter returned to Philadelphia and joined Henry P. Royster as an Associate Surgeon at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where he expanded the cleft lip and palate program. He was also an Associate Surgeon at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center from 1954-67. He became a senior surgeon at CHOP in 1966. He served as Chief of Plastic Surgery there until succeeded by Linton Whitaker in 1981. He also served as Director of the Facial Reconstruction Center at CHOP from 1974-87. He was Associate Chief of the Division of Plastic Surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania from 1968-79 and then

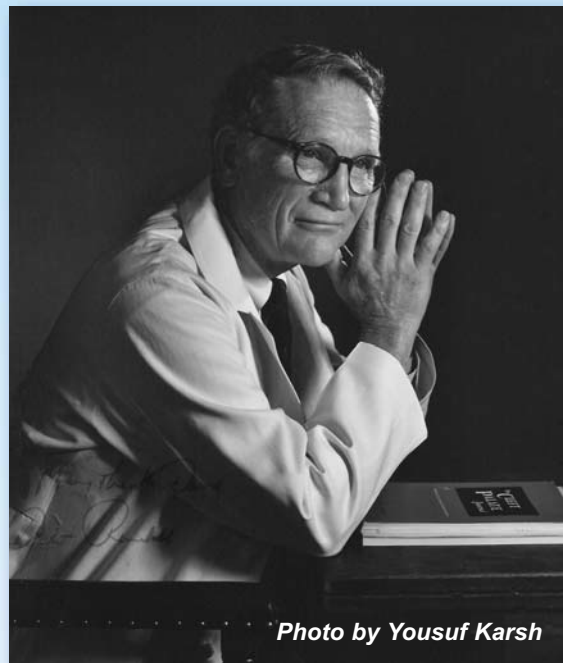


Photo by Yousuf Karsh

Chief of the Division of Plastic Surgery from 1979-87. He also was a consultant in plastic surgery at other regional hospitals, including the Philadelphia Naval Hospital (1968-80), and Pennsylvania, Bryn Mawr, and Lankenau Hospitals. He served as Chief of Plastic Surgery at Lankenau Hospital from 1970-79.

Academically, he rose from Assistant Professor in 1959 to Associate Professor in 1965, and ultimately to Professor of Plastic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania in 1970. He retired from active surgical practice in 1989, but continued to see patients until 1992, when he finally achieved emeritus status.

Nationally, he was a giant in the field of plastic surgery serving countless leadership positions in a long list of societies, often as a founding member. He was President of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons in

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1977, President of the Plastic Surgery Educational Foundation in 1972, President of the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association in 1965, President and founding member of the Cleft Palate Foundation. He was a member of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons since 1959, a member and examiner of the American Board of Plastic Surgery 1977-92, Chairman of the Plastic Surgery Research Council in 1964, President and founding member of the Robert H. Ivy Society, a founding member of the Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons, and an associate editor of the *Journal of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery* from 1982-88.

His service and lifetime contributions extended far beyond the realm of plastic surgery, exemplified by his participation in numerous other national and local surgical societies. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1957, served on its Board of Governors from 1979-82, as First Vice President in 1985, and as a founding member of the Philadelphia Chapter. He was a member of the American Surgical Association (1980), Society of Head and Neck Surgeons (1960), the John Morgan Society (1956), The Halsted Society (1962), the Philadelphia College of Physicians (1969), and the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery (1964).

He is best known for his many contributions to cleft surgery, including his popularization of the lip adhesion technique for wide clefts prior to definitive lip repair (1965), and for his mathematical analysis of the Tennison triangular lip repair (1959), for which he earned top-billing in the Randall-Tennison triangular lip repair, as well as significant advancements in cleft palate surgery. In 1978, with Don LaRossa, he established a modified version of the Furlow procedure as the standard of cleft palate repair at CHOP, a technique still used today. He invented the ingenious Randall needle holder, the side holes in the tip allowing the surgeon to load the needle end-on to facilitate deep intraoral suturing. Always the innovator, in retirement he invented and patented the Randall-Low micro needle holder, the handle based upon a 2 six-sided pencil design with an index fingertip control but-

ton.

He was an international ambassador for cleft surgery, travelling to many foreign countries, sometimes on extended missions to England, Scotland, Finland, Belgium, the Netherlands,

Israel, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, China, India, and Vietnam. He was an honorary member of countless international surgical societies. He was a deserving recipient of the ACPA Distinguished Service Award, and ACPA Honors of the Association.

Peter was always respected as a patient, thoughtful, and kind surgeon and human being. He was a wonderful family man who enjoyed singing, gardening, birding, and sailing, especially at his summer home in Rhode Island. He is survived by his lifetime (66 years) love and wife



Peter enjoying one of his many hobbies

Posey (Rose Johnson), 4 children and their respective spouses and 6 grandchildren. A recently established scholarship through the Cleft Palate Foundation honors him and Don LaRossa and funds several college scholarships for children with cleft and craniofacial deformities. Long into retirement, he still enjoyed attending national and regional meetings, always taking notes on 3 x 5 inch index cards, and often ambulating to the microphone on prosthetic hips to ask an insightful question. His spirit will live on forever as the elder statesman of cleft care, a friendly apparition in the audience, scribbling largely illegible notes on his index cards.



Peter with his wife, Posey



From the Editor

Clyde F. Barker, M.D.

Readers will note that this issue features a new section, prepared by Jon Morris “*Catching-Up with . . .*”. (page 9-10) We plan to include this column on a regular basis. Dr. Morris would appreciate cooperation of alumni in responding to his requests for interviews or supply of information.

During the coming year Penn will celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the School of Medicine. In future issues we will include historical information that we hope to be of interest.

The death of Peter Randall marks the end of an era. Peter was the last survivor of surgeons appointed to the faculty by I.S. Ravdin while he was Department chairman (see the plaque which in 1960 hung outside the surgical offices listing all members of Ravdin’s small faculty).

As documented in the excellent memoir by David Low, Oksana Jackson and Linton Whitaker (page 1 and 2) Peter had a remarkably successful career. Not mentioned by them are several things I remember. Peter’s father, Alexander Randall, was a nationally prominent surgeon who was the Chief of Urology at Penn from 1923-1945. In line with *Altemeier’s Rule* Peter’s success as a surgeon might have been predicted by his athletic ability as a youth. At Princeton he was on the varsity football team and the 150 pound crew. Arguably more important he was a pioneer in the field of transplantation biology.

In the era before immunologists and general surgeons became interested in transplantation, plastic surgeons were the experts. Peter trained in plastic surgery under J. Barrett Brown at Washington University in St. Louis. He was probably the first HUP surgeon to have a substantial amount of training anywhere but Penn. J. Barrett Brown at this time was possibly the best known plastic surgeon in the U. S. Brown was also one of the worlds important transplantation scientists and Peter was a prominent member of his research team. Brown was the first to prove that skin grafts exchanged between human identical twins are not rejected, a finding as meaningful scientifically (if not technically) as the successful transplantation of an identical twin’s kidney years later by Joe

Murray who incidently was another of Brown’s trainees. Murray’s twin transplant led to a Nobel Prize. Brown was also possibly the first to show that a repeat skin allograft from the same donor would be rejected by its recipient faster than the first graft had been. Later the same finding by Peter Medawar and his interpretation of this phenomenon as an immunologic one helped win him the Nobel Prize. Peter Randall told me many times that Brown always thought he should have had the Nobel Prize rather than Murray and Medawar.

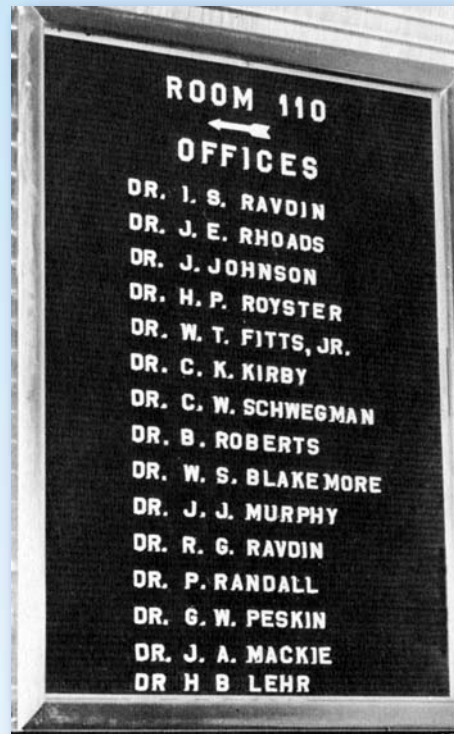
Peter’s own experiments in transplantation were quite notable. While in St. Louis he published several papers of considerable significance. Two of them appeared in the first

issue of the Surgical Forum in 1951. The first demonstrated the advantage of using pure inbred strains of mice to obtain consistant results of skin allograft experiments. At the time others including Medawar and Billingham, the gurus of the field, were still using outbred mice, confounding their experiments by producing inconsistent rejection times of skin allografts. Peter’s second paper was prophetic. It described the impact of ACTH and cortisone on delaying skin allograft rejection. Rupert Billingham is usually given the credit for similar work reported in the same year.

Other publications by Peter during his years in St. Louis were the first one to demonstrate the usefulness of skin

allografts as temporary biological dressings in the treatment of burns and the first report of silicones in plastic surgery. J. Barrett Brown’s website lists as his most important students: Joseph Murray (for transplantation), Jack Cannon (for treatment of burns with skin grafts), Erle Peacock (for hand surgery), and Peter Randall (for cleft palate surgery).

In 1952 Peter finished his training in St. Louis and joined Penn’s faculty. During the early 1950’s before Murray’s kidney transplant between identical twins, before Medawar’s Nobel Prize winning experiments on tolerance and well before my involvement in transplantation, Peter Randall wrote a syllabus on transplantation for Penn medical students and regularly gave them lectures on transplantation biology, including his original own contributions. Ten years later when I became interested in the field his interest and encouragement were valuable to me.



Highlights of Penn Surgical Society Members' Activity at the 2014 Clinical Congress of ACS

Scudder Lecture



Bill Schwab

At the annual Clinical Congress of the ACS there are a limited number of honorary lectures. One is the I.S. Ravdin Lecture in Basic Science, which was endowed by our department in 1964. The oldest and perhaps the most prestigious one is the Scudder Lecture. It is named for Charles Locke Scudder, a founder of the College. Since 1929 it has

been delivered annually by a surgical leader. This year it was given by Bill Schwab, founder of HUP's Level One Trauma Center and Chief of our Trauma and Surgical Critical Care Division from 1982-2011.

I have never seen a College lecture as well attended. Several hundred surgeons crowded into one of the Convention Center's largest lecture rooms. There was standing room only. Dr. Schwab's lecture, *The Wounds of War*, focused on the need to train, and sustain combat surgeons through military-civilian partnerships.

He cited early reports from Iraq and Afghanistan revealing that surgeons were shockingly ill-prepared at that time to care for combat injuries. Thanks to subsequent experience on the battlefield and specialized training in trauma programs at University Centers (such as Dr. Schwab's at HUP) and military-civilian trauma training centers there has been much improvement. Fatality ratios have dropped drastically since 2005 despite an increase in severity of injuries.

Dr. Schwab described the need for expansion and standardization of training and a data driven trauma system to produce medical units and teams that could be deployed throughout the world.

Heroes of Surgery



Stan Dudrick

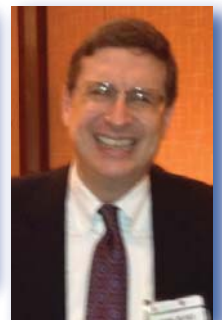
Two years ago at the Clinical Congress of the College new program was initiated called *Heroes of Surgery*. It is to be an annual event in which slides and video accounts are narrated to review the life and accomplishments of the field's icons. The first to be eulogized were Franklin Martin (the founder of the College), Alfred Blalock, James Hardy,

Robert Zollinger, Denton Cooley, Olga Jonasson and George Barci (the pioneer of minimally invasive procedures). This year Stan Dudrick (HUP Chief Resident 1967) was honored for his work in total parenteral nutrition. Beginning with the animal research done by Stan, Jonathan Rhoads and Harry Vars in the Harrison Department of Surgical Research hyperalimentation has revolutionized the treatment of patients unable to eat. These experiments and Stan's lifelong devotion to perfecting this therapy were praised as contributions as important to surgical care as any since the introduction of anesthesia and antisepsis.

Penn Surgical Society Reception



Caroline Reinke, Lindsay Kuo, and Becky Hoffman



Jeff Drebin



Matt Boelig and Noel Williams



Joe Gorman, Dode Barker, and Joe Woo



Jon Morris, Joe Shrager, Blair Marshall, and Larry Kaiser

Jon Morris Appointed Ernest F. Rosato - William Maul Measey Professor

Jon Morris has been appointed as the inaugural Ernest F. Rosato/Measey Professor of Surgical Education. This new endowed professorship is specially intended for support of a surgical educator. We believe that any of our faculty might justifiably claim that their teaching activities qualify them. However Jon's focus on education throughout his career makes him uniquely suitable. His close relationship to his mentor Ernie Rosato is an additional reason for the appropriateness of his selection.



The list of Jon's educational activities and appointments at HUP, the Department of Surgery and the School of Medicine is a long one:

- ◆ Associate Dean for Clinical Education, School of Medicine, 1997-2001
- ◆ Associate Dean for Student Affairs, School of Medicine 2005-present
- ◆ Vice Chair of Education, Department of Surgery, 2008-present
- ◆ Director of Medical Student Education, HUP, 1993-1998
- ◆ Director of Surgery Housestaff Education, School of Medicine, 1999-2001, 2003-present
- ◆ Program Director, General Surgery Residency, HUP, 2003-present
- ◆ Graduate Medical Education Committee, School of Medicine, 2003-present

The list of Jon's Teaching Awards is also impressive:

- ◆ Faculty Teaching Award, 1991, 1992, 1997, 2008, 2009, 2010
- ◆ Penn Medical Students Award for Excellence in Teaching 1992
- ◆ Penn Pearl Award for Outstanding Teaching, 1994, 1996, 1997
- ◆ Medical Student Government Clinical Teaching Award, 1996
- ◆ Christian R. and Mary F. Lindack Foundation Award, 1997
- ◆ Special Deans Award, 2011
- ◆ Ernest F. Rosato Faculty Teaching Award 2012

Much of Jon's additional effort has been directed to committee work for the Department and the School of Medicine. A partial list includes:

- ◆ Surgical Education Committee
- ◆ Council for Undergraduate Medical Education
- ◆ Graduate Medical Education Committee
- ◆ Curriculum Committee
- ◆ Chair of the Advisory Dean's Committee

A few of Jon's many other teaching activities include: Faculty Director of the Surgical Resident's, Basic Science Course, Medical Director of the William T. Fitts Surgical Education Center.

Jon has been widely recognized for his contributions to surgical education. Since 2008 he has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Program Directors in Surgery; from 2008-2013 he was the Association's Secretary and this year is it's President. Since 2011 he has served on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Surgical Education.

Jon has written extensively on the subject of medical and surgical education. Many of his 80 peer reviewed papers, 13 editorials and 3 books deal with topics such as career paths in surgery, coping with duty hour regulations, professionalism in clerkships, prevention of the attrition of surgical residents from their programs, the value of simulation centers in surgical education and the perception of graduating surgical residents regarding confidence in their level of competence.

In addition to Jon's educational activities he is of course a busy clinical surgeon with particular expertise in laparoscopic biliary procedures, inflammatory bowel disease, surgical nutrition and complex hernia surgery.



Jon Morris, Kay Lee, and Ernie Rosato during Ernie's last operation.

Academy of Master Clinician

Ron Fairman has been elected to membership in the Academy of Master Clinicians. Ron joins Pat Reilly and Najjia Mahmoud, previously selected members of this prestigious group. Launched in 2013 this designation recognizes Penn Medicine clinicians who exemplify the highest standards of clinical excellence, humanism and professionalism. Election to this academy is the highest clinical honor that can be bestowed on a Penn physician. During their 5-year term, the Master Clinicians are expected to support the missions of Penn Medicine in several ways. According to Dean Jameson they will serve as ambassadors for Penn Medicine. They will create an organized forum to provide feedback to leadership on strategies to improve the culture of clinical excellence and to promote an optimal experience for patients. They will be expected to be available as mentors and consultants and to



lead in professional development and training programs for faculty, residents, trainees, students and staff. Additional areas of focus will include new faculty orientation and training, clinical and communication skills and the art of medicine.

Ron is Chief of the Division of Vascular and Endovascular Therapy and Vice Chair of the Department for Clinical Affairs. In 2010 he received Penn Medicine's Luigi Mastroianni Clinical Innovator Award.

Additional honors that have come his way this year were the Presidential Citation of the Society for Vascular Surgery (it's highest award) and election as Vice President of this Society leading to its presidency in 2017.

American Surgical Association Foundation Fellowship Award

Paige Porrett, Assistant Professor of Surgery in the Transplantation Division, has been awarded an American Surgical Association Foundation Fellowship. This highly competitive fellowship is designed to support the research of gifted young surgeon-scientists during their early faculty careers. The Association chooses only one or two fellows per year. A list of past awardees indicates that this fellowship is a predictor of future leadership in academic surgery. Since this award began in 1982, in addition to Paige three other Penn faculty members have been selected for this fellowship: Rob Gorman, Bruce Rosengard and Sunil Singhal. In addition Jonathan Bromberg after finishing his HUP transplant fellowship was awarded the ASA Foundation fellowship

while he was a faculty member at Michigan.

Paige is a graduate of Northwestern University Medical School. Since coming to Penn in 2001 she has completed her general surgery residency, an abdominal transplant fellowship and obtained a PhD in immunology. As a HUP resident she won the Leonard Perloff and William Inouye Teaching Awards and in 2009 was the Keith Reemtsma Resident of the Year.

Among Paige's research interests are studies on activation of the innate immune system and the impact of pregnancy on recipients' response to allografts.



Samuel D. Gross Prize Lecture

On March 2 at the Philadelphia College of Physicians, Scott Adzick, Chief of Surgery at CHOP and C. Everett Koop Professor of Pediatric Surgery, University of Pennsylvania, will deliver the Samuel D. Gross Prize Lecture of the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery. His title is *Fetal Surgery*.

This prestigious Prize dates back to 1895 when Samuel D. Gross in his will left \$10,000 to fund a Prize to be given every 5 years for the "Best Original
6 Research in Surgery by an American Surgeon."



Initially the winner was determined by reviewing manuscripts submitted by candidates. Since 1994 the winner has been selected by a committee of the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery from the Country's leading surgeons. The partial list of previous winners reads like a pantheon of American Surgery: Evarts Graham (1920), Emile Holman (1930), Owen Wangensteen (1935), Lester Dragstedt (1962), Judah Folkman (2000), and Tom Starzl (2005).

25th Jonathan E. Rhoads Oration

An Annual Oration has been a tradition of the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery since its inception. The orator, appointed by the President, is a Fellow of the Academy. Samuel D. Gross, the founder and first President of the Academy, gave the First Annual Oration, entitled "John Hunter and his Pupils", on January 7, 1881. In the 1988, the Annual Oration was renamed the Jonathan E. Rhoads Annual Oration, in honor of "one of the most illustrious and faithful Fellows of the Academy, Jonathan E. Rhoads". Dr. Rhoads and his family subsequently provided an endowment to support the attendance of surgical residents at the annual dinner and Oration. A unfailing participant in meetings of the Academy, Dr. Rhoads attended the Oration in December 2001, only a month before his death.

This year's Oration was given by Douglas Fraker, Chief of the Department's Division of Surgical Oncology. He spoke on "*Surgical Management of Adrenal Causes of Hypertension: Pheochromocytoma and Aldosteronoma*". Dr. Fraker's experience with these conditions is probably as large as that of any surgeon in the world. In fact during his introduction of Dr. Fraker the Academy President, Jeff Drebin speculated that Dr. Fraker may have the largest general surgery practice in the U.S.



Doug Fraker and Jeff Drebin

15th Annual Jonathan E. Rhoads Gold Medal Prize and Lecture

On December 9 at the Smilow Center the Department of Surgery hosted the 15th Annual Jonathan E. Rhoads Prize, which is co-sponsored jointly by the College of Physicians, the American Philosophical Society and our department. The well attended lecture was given by Jeffrey I. Gordon, M.D. who was Dr. Drebin's mentor during his post-doctoral fellowship. Dr. Gordon is distinguished professor and director of the Center for Genome Sciences and Systems Biology at Washington University School of Medicine.

Dr. Gordon spoke on the "microbiome," how gut microbial communities affect normal gut



Jeff Drebin, Jeffrey I. Gordon, and Sankey Williams

function and shape various aspects of human physiology metabolism and nutritional status. He is the World's expert on this important new field. Previous winners of the Rhoads gold medal include Michael DeBakey, Nobel Laureate Joseph Murray, Lasker Awardees Thomas Starzl and Aaron Beck, NIH Director Zirahouni and medical writers Lawrence Altman and Sherwin Nuland. The medal is in fact gold and is much too heavy to be worn.



Dr. Edmunds Honored as Editor of the Annals of Thoracic Surgery

On October 25th in San Francisco, the Journal of Thoracic Surgery hosted a dinner to honor and thank Hank Edmunds for his 15 years of service as Editor of the Journal. In attendance were more than 100 guests including past and present members of the Editorial Board as well as Hank's colleagues, friends and family.



Hank Edmunds

During Hank's unprecedented three 5-year terms as Editor, he greatly increased the quality and circulation of the Journal, making it the dominant publication in the field. He was praised (and roasted) for his performance by a number of after dinner speakers including Joe Bavaria who told a few stories about Hank's unique style, and his many important contributions to the success of our department and the Cardiothoracic division he headed for 20 years. To mention



Joe Bavaria, Hank Edmunds, Joe Gorman, Clyde Barker, Joe Woo, and Rob Gorman

just a few of the things initiated by Hank, heart transplantation, recruitment of Larry Kaiser to start lung transplantation and the first basic research program related to cardiovascular surgery. Also in attendance were Joe Woo and Rob and Joe Gorman (see photo) who were mentored in their research by Hank during some of the 30 or more years he maintained a productive NIH funded basic science laboratory.

100 Years of HUP's Abrahamsohn Christmas and Easter Committee

An Annual holiday ritual at HUP reaches its 100th anniversary this year. The tradition actually began in the late 1800's when Oscar Abrahamsohn, an immigrant who supported himself by teaching German to Penn medical students began buying gifts for HUP patients and decorating the hospital's children's ward at Christmas and Easter. In 1914 The Abrahamsohn Committee was incorporated with the official signing of its charter. Since then committee members have visited every HUP patient on Christmas day, taking gifts and more recently poinsettias.

In 1940 a beloved HUP obstetrician, Harry Fields dressed up as Santa and helped distribute the gifts. Harry was a huge man, who had once been a professional wrestler. He was perfect for the role. Since that time other Santa impersonators have included Rudy Schmidt, Sylvan Eismen, Bill Hanson, Fred Kaplan, Bill Schwab, Ted Cheek and Cliff Deutschman. It now takes three Santas to visit all of the patient floors. The current Santas are Peter Quinn, PJ Brennan and Robert Gaiser. Today's Committee members (volunteers, doctor's spouses and friends) set up **8** and decorate holiday trees in public areas of the hospital.



They also distribute artificial trees to the patient care units for the popular annual tree decoration competition.

Again on Easter Sunday committee members visit the patients (accompanied with their children in bunny costumes) providing Spring flowers for all. Traditions may change but we hope a commitment to maintain the spirit of Oscar Abrahamsohn will never disappear.

Catching Up With . . . *Jon Odorico*

Contributed by Jon Morris

Jon S. Odorico is a 1983 graduate of Duke University where he majored in Chemistry after which he attended the New York University School of Medicine, graduating in 1987. Jon then came to the Penn where he began his internship in 1987. During his residency, Jon took a two year Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in the Harrison Department of Surgical Research in the Barker/Naji Transplantation Laboratory. He received the Jonathan E. Rhoads Research Award in 1993. After completing his Chief



Jon in 1994

Residency at HUP in 1994, Jon took a Fellowship in Transplant Surgery at the University of Wisconsin from 1994 – 1996. Upon completion of his fellowship, he was immediately recruited to the Transplantation Division at the University of Wisconsin as an Assistant Professor of Surgery and was subsequently promoted to Associate Professor (with Tenure) in 1996. Currently, Jon is the Director of both the Islet Cell Transplantation and Pancreas Transplantation Programs at the University of Wisconsin.

A Conversation with Jon

JoMo: What were the highlights of your training at Penn?

Jon: *There were so many highlights when I look back, it is impossible to mention them all. Several of my most memorable experiences include doing my first kidney transplant with Dr. Barker, transplant rounds with Drs. Barker, Naji and Dafoe, and my first Whipple with Dr. Daly. Working in the lab with Jim Markmann, Andy Posselt, Ed Alfrey, Jonathan Bromberg, and Niraj Desai - what a stimulating and nurturing environment it was that was provided to us by Drs. Naji and Barker. Receiving the Jonathan Rhoads Research Award was also extremely rewarding.*

JoMo: Which faculty influenced you the most and why?

Jon: *Easily Drs. Barker and Naji. Ali taught me to work hard at improving my scientific writing while Dr. Barker taught by example displaying at all times the Oslerian principle of equanimitas.*

JoMo: When you were a junior resident, which Chief Residents had the greatest impact on you and why?

Jon: *Joe Bavaria and Steve Fishman because of their energy and enthusiasm*

JoMo: When you were a Chief Resident, which junior residents impressed you the most and why?

Jon: *All of them; they were workhorses!*

JoMo: Tell us what your greatest professional accomplishments have been since graduating Penn.

Jon: *I direct the Pancreas and Islet Transplantation Program at University of Wisconsin where I oversee a fantastic team of surgeons, fellows and transplant coordinators. I am proud that UW was the busiest Pancreas transplant program in the US last year and we just completed our 1500th pancreas transplant while continually maintaining outstanding results.*

I am also the President-Elect of the International Pancreas and Islet Transplant Association (IPITA) and Vice-Chair of the UNOS Pancreas Committee.

I run an extramurally funded research lab focusing on the differentiation of pluripotent stem cells to beta cells and based on our IP spun out a startup biotech company in 2012 called Regenerative Medical solutions whose goal is to create stem cell-derived beta cell solutions for drug discovery and therapeutic applications.

JoMo: What do you miss most about Philadelphia?

Jon: *The food, the art museum area, and Wissahickon and Schuylkill river parks. I don't miss the Phillies or Eagles!*

Catching Up With . . . *Jon Odorico* (continued from page 9)

JoMo: Who from your Penn Surgery days do you stay in touch with?

Jon: Ali Naji, Clyde Barker, Jim Markmann, Andrew Posselt

JoMo: Tell us about your current surgical practice, types of cases you are doing, etc.

Jon: I perform kidney, pancreas and islet transplants as well as general surgery on our transplant patients.

JoMo: What are your current interests and hobbies outside of medicine?

Jon: Recreational soccer, including coaching my children; Downhill and cross-country skiing- I competed in the American Birkebeiner cross-country ski marathon the last 2 years; Running, and farming.

JoMo: Tell us about your family.

Jon: My wife is a practicing architect and designed our

home as well as Dr. Naji's. She loves horses like Patti Naji as well. We have 3 children, but some days it seems like we have dozens when all their friends are over- the more the merrier. Our oldest is studying to be a teacher and just finished a semester in Rome. My son is Pre-med and doing a business minor. Both are at UW-Madison. Our youngest is currently a junior at Cushing Academy.



Courtney, Jon, Claire, Scott, and Kristen with Pearl

Alumni News

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- ◆ **Jeremy McGarvey** was awarded the C. Walton Lillehei Young Investigator Award for his research in *Left ventricular four-dimensional flow changes following undersized mitral annuloplasty*. This work was done under the direction of Rob and Joe Gorman, and presented at the 2014 EACTS Annual Meeting in Milan, Italy. Dr. Bavaria was presented at the meeting as the president-elect of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons.



Joe Bavaria and Jeremy McGarvey

- ◆ The 2015 annual **D. Hayes Agnew Lecture** will be given on April 16 by Julie Freischlag, Dean and Vice Chancellor of the University of California, Davis and former Johns Hopkins Chair of Surgery. Dates for other lectures are the Julian Johnson Lectureship, February 19, the Robert Ravdin Lectureship, March 19, and the John Paul Pryor Lecture on June 18, 2015.

- ◆ May 21, 2015 - The Julius Mackie Distinguished Graduate Lectureship will be given at HUP by **Omaida Velazquez**, David Kimmelman Endowed Chair in Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, and Chief, Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, University of Miami Health System, Miami, Florida.



Alumni News *(continued from previous page)*

- ◆ There will be an exhibit of **Don LaRossa's** sculpture at the Historic Yellow Springs Art Studio in Chester County March 14-29 2015. An opening reception will be held on March 14. Don LaRossa, for many years Professor of Plastic Surgery at HUP and CHOP, died January 24, 2014. His memoir and photographs of his sculpture appeared in the Spring 2014 issue of the Newsletter.



New Faculty

- ◆ **Matthew Williams, MD** attended Duke University (on an athletic scholarship) and Duke University School of Medicine. He then went to Massachusetts General Hospital and for residency in general surgery before returning to Duke for training in cardiothoracic surgery. Dr. Williams then spent 5 years at the University of Louisville where as Director of Translational Research he served as the primary investigator in multiple clinical trials. He came to the University of Pennsylvania in October 2014.



- ◆ **Mark Seamon, MD, FACS**, returned to Penn from Cooper University, Camden New Jersey in November 2014, joining the Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care and Emergency Medicine. In 2007 he completed a Trauma and Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at HUP. He received his undergraduate degree from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, his MD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and completed his Residency at Temple University Hospital.



Departing Faculty

- ◆ **Joseph Friedberg**, Professor of Surgery at HUP, Chief of Thoracic Surgery at Presbyterian Medical Center, has been appointed as head of the University of Maryland's Division of Thoracic Surgery. He will also be the Thoracic Surgeon in Chief of the University of Maryland Medical System and the Charles Reid Edwards Professor of Surgery in the School of Medicine. Steve Bartlett (HUP Chief Resident 1985) is the Chairman of the University of Maryland's, Department of Surgery.
- ◆ **Brian Kann**, has been appointed an Associate Professor at Ochsner Clinic in Orleans, The University of Queensland School of Medicine (UQ SOM)-Ochsner Clinical School (OCS).



Harry Schoenberg (1927-2013)

Older members of the Society will remember Harry Schoenberg who died at age 86 on November 19, 2013. Harry was a graduate of the Lawrenceville School, Yale University and the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania. His training in general and urologic surgery at HUP was interrupted by 2 years in the US Army, which he spent in Germany. He completed his training in 1955 after which he served as a faculty member at HUP for 12 years, rising to the rank of full professor. He was a fine surgeon and a favorite

teacher of the residents. In 1970 he moved to St. Louis as a faculty member at Washington University until 1975 when he was recruited to the University of Chicago where he was Chief of Urology until his retirement in 1993. In his retirement in Sedona Arizona he was a patron of classical music, a lifetime interest. In 2003 he was named Sedona Citizen of the Year.

He is survived by his wife Lelia West Schoenberg, 3 children, 2 stepchildren and 14 grandchildren.





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Promotions

◆ **Allen H. Bar, MD**

Gastrointestinal
Surgery - Promoted
to Clinical Professor
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