

### '42

Jack Frank, Crowley, LA – "Still living!"

## '44

George Tennison, Silsbee, TX – "Ninety, but still here!"

### '48

John Davis, Mandeville, LA – "My interest in the Laws of Physics of Isaac Newton and Einstein has resulted in essays on the physics of Gravitation. Albert Einstein: E=MC2; Me: E=MR2, where R= the Radius of spherical expanding energy vibrations in the absence of humankind time (in the presence of God's Eternity). Where E= Eternity, M= Mass and R2 is radius squared (the inverse square law of Isaac Newton 321 years ago)."

## '53

George Bourgeois, Opelousas, LA – "Had my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on 11/18/08. Practicing at a somewhat leisurely pace. First grandchild born 1 year ago. Wife, Jeanette (formerly MacKey), CRNA retiring at end of this year."

Martha Haley Pope, Baton Rouge, LA – "In spite of a few health problems, we are doing well. Our four grandchildren (2 girls and 2 boys) are a constant delight! I keep busy working two days per week. All good wishes for a grand 2009!"

## '57

Alvin Cotlar, Gulfport, MS – Joined surgical staff of Biloxi VA Medical Center this past June. "Enjoying operating and training residents as much as ever. Will miss Russell Klein!"

### '58

George Baquet, Baker, LA – "I retired at age 75 from medical practice on 12/31/07. Dr. Gors told me I owed the

#### Tiger in the News

#### Gold-Headed Cane

Robert Turner III ('54), Fort Worth, TX, is the recipient of the 2008 Gold-Headed Cane, an award bestowed by the Tarrant County Medical Society as the embodiment of service, sacrifice, and skill within the medical profession. It is the Tarrant County Medical Society's highest collegial recognition.

Dr. Turner, who has lived in Fort Worth for 40 years, retired from his surgical practice in 2002. Since then he has become an author and an artist, focusing on drawing and watercolors. He is a docent at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth and is training to be a docent at the Kimball Art Museum.

State of La 25 years for my education at LSU – I gave 49 years!"

Paul Young, Durham, NH – "Wife, Jerry, and I are World Medical Tennis Champions in the 75-70 Year Mixed Doubles. The World Medical Tennis Championships were held in Croatia in September 2008."

## '59

Walter Daniels, Morgan City, LA – "Looking forward to our 50<sup>th</sup> year reunion celebration. Still working 3 days a week. I was going to retire and informed my staff. The next day they presented me with a roll of wrapping paper with a note attached '2,000 reasons why you can't retire.' Need I say more!"

### '64

Francis Cazayoux, New Roads, LA – Currently retired and living on False River. "Just 'received' delivery of my 18<sup>th</sup> grandchild." Darryl Johnson, Ruston, LA – Retired from ophthalmology in June 2007. "Enjoying gardening, traveling, fishing, with my bride of 44 years, Maureen. Looking forward to the 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion in June 2009."

## '65

Margaret Wheat-Carter, Natchitoches, LA – "I retired January 1, 2008, after practicing medicine for 43 years (36 years of ophthalmology). Three of my 4 children are LSU-Shreveport Medical School graduates. Two of them, Pat and Stephen Wheat (who did residency at LSU-New Orleans), are in Natchitoches, and one, Ashley Wheat Sipes, in Shreveport."

## '67

Randy Watson, Zephyr Cove, NV – "After 35 years of practice of Orthopedics & Sports Medicine here at Lake Tahoe (Nevada/California), I have retired!"

## '68

Sid Lawton, Littleton, CO – "I retired form Radiology after 33 years with the Baton Rouge Radiology Group. My wife, Cheryl and I have relocated to the Denver area where our 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren live. My son, Sid (`03), will join the Baton Rouge Radiology Group in July 09. Life is good!"

Burt Strug, Tucson, AZ – Retired, cardiac surgery.

### '69

Don Mickal, Lafayette, LA – "Still in Lafayette (30 years) and still full time in Ob/Gyn. Married to Bonnie 46 years. We have 6 children and 8 grandchildren."

## '71

Bennie Nobles, Kenner, LA – "Blessed to still be working full time in Ob/Gyn. Seven grandchildren are a delight. I count it a joy and privilege to have the



#### Tiger in the News



Dr. Griffith

Former State Senator R. Parker Griffith, Jr., ('70) won in his run for Congress in Alabama's Fifth District. Griffith was elected to the State Senate in November of 2006 and represented Senate District 7, which is located in the heart of Huntsville and Alabama's Madison County. In the State Senate, Griffith emerged as a leader on issues like helping to make sure Alabama families have access to affordable health care and ensuring that children receive the early childhood education they need. Griffith has also proven his ability to work across the aisle to get things done for the people he represents.

A retired physician, Dr. Griffith has lived and worked in Huntsville, AL, for over 30 years. He

was the first radiation oncologist in North Alabama and a pioneer in the early diagnosis and treatment of cancer, establishing the first of its kind comprehensive cancer center in the area.

Griffith also developed several local small businesses in the area and understands the needs of small businesses owners. He has been involved in education through the Griffith Family Foundation, which awards grants to classroom teachers in the Huntsville community, and serves as a guest teacher in local public schools.

third-year medical students come through our practice for a month-long rotation. Consider being a mentor to anyone as we have a wealth of experience to share. Blessings to all!"

### '72

Bradley Black, Baton Rouge, LA – President of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus. Continues to work in International Ophthalmology, most recently in Uganda.

Edwin Davidson, Pass Christian, MS – With the Medical Oncology Group, Gulfport, MS – since 1978.

Edward Jeffries, Baton Rouge, LA – "Younger son Morgan will complete neurology residency at Columbia Presbyterian, NYC in June 2009. He plans to do a research fellowship." '73

Jeff Chicola, Pensacola, FL – Appointed Assistant Professor, FSU School of Medicine, in charge of surgery training at Pensacola Campus. Chief of Otolaryngology at Nemours Children's Clinic in Pensacola. "There are many LSU Tigers here in Pensacola."

Al Seyfer, Bethesda, MD – Head of Anatomy course at F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine – Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Maryland. Appointed Distinguished Professor of Anatomy and Surgery. "My wife, Glenna, is an RN at NIH. We are going to be grandparents soon!"

Miriam Weinstein, Knoxville, TN – Doing Pediatric Rehabilitation at University of Tennessee Graduate Medical Center, mostly covering consultations at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Trauma patients and private practice. "It's a beautiful town and nice people. I am very grateful to LSU for a wonderful education."

## '74

Patricia McGuff Schneider, St. Francisville, LA – "Still practicing 35 years after graduation. I enjoy all those new babies – many are 2<sup>nd</sup> generation patients. I am practicing with 2 former pediatric patients – LSU grads as well, Chaillie Daniel (`97) and Tim Lindsey (`02) – both FPs."

## '76

Julius Mullins, Baton Rouge, LA – Still practicing Ob/Gyn in Baton Rouge at Woman's Hospital. "Three granddaughters – All 3 kids live in Virginia."

## '78

Melody Bruce, Menands, NY – Still practicing OB/Gyn in Troy, NY; recently honored by the Perinatal Network of Northeast New York with the Community Cradle Award for dedication and service to the families of the Capitol District.

## '79

Sharon Anderson, West Linn, OR – President-Elect of the American Society of Nephrology.

## '80

Barry Bruggers, Cry, NC – "Still hanging in there practicing Gyn only. Getting back 'home' more often now as Jennifer graduated from LSUMC-NO in May. Jessica is in PA program at NOVA-SE in Florida. Josh finishes high school in May; LSU Baton Rouge is possibly in his future."

Thomas McCalla, Lake Charles, LA – "I am now 62 years old (late start). I'm still practicing solo General Surgery since 1984 and still going to the ER."



#### Tiger in the News



Dr. Cassidy

William Cassidy ('83) was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, representing the Sixth District of Louisiana. On December 9, 2006, in his first bid for public office, he won a special election for the District 16 seat in the Louisiana Senate. On October 20, 2007, he was re-elected, this time to a full four-year term in the Louisiana State Senate. Cassidy specializes in the treatment of diseases of the liver, both in private practice and at the Earl K. Long State Hospital in Baton Rouge.

He co-founded the Greater Baton Rouge Community Clinic, which provides free dental and

health care to the working uninsured, and has developed public health programs such as the School-Based Hepatitis B Vaccination program. Over 6 years, this public-private coalition vaccinated over 36,000 public, private and parochial school children in 10 parishes at no cost to parents, schools, or state and local government. Dr. Cassidy worked with the Centers for Disease Control developing programs to increase flu immunization rates. When Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana, he led a group of volunteers who converted an abandoned K-Mart building with inadequate plumbing, wiring, and air conditioning into a functioning field hospital within 30 hours.

In the Louisiana legislature, he helped secure record amounts of funding for LSU and the Pennington Biomedical Research center, received a perfect "100" rating from the Louisiana Family Forum in recognition of his pro-family votes, and sponsored a Department of Education initiative to address childhood obesity.

### '81

Carl Blunck, Mobile, AL – "Unbelievably saddened over death of classmate, Deborah French (`81). I'm sure I speak for all of the Class of '81 in expressing our deepest sympathies for her family. She was accomplished, humane, and sweet to all she touched.

"Daughter Hallie is at UAB Medical School. I hope that sons, Hans and Conrad can be LSU Medical School attendees. Need more LSU Tigers in our area."

#### '82

Bill Beuttler, Ventura, CA – "Wife, Kathleen (`81) and I are visiting New Orleans more frequently because son, Marc, is a freshman at Tulane." Tim Molony, New Orleans, LA – "Oldest son, Christian, is pre-med at Boston College. Hopefully a future Tiger!"

#### '83

Mary-Nell Anderson, Baton Rouge, LA – Working at Spine Diagnostics in Baton Rouge with Mike Burdine (`83). "Married to Stephen Pollet (`81) and recently celebrated our 25-year anniversary! We have 4 children: Son, David Pollet, L3 at LSUMC-NO; son, Mark Pollet, 1<sup>st</sup> year medical student at University Texas Southwestern, Dallas; daughter, Danielle, freshman Baton Rouge Community College; daughter, Mary-Grace, 8<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Aloysius."

Brett Koder, Shelby, NC – In practice for past 13 years with ENT Carolina. "Still married to Elaine. Our daughter, Morgan, will graduate from high school in the spring of 2009 and is looking forward to college. We are of course cheering for the LSU Tigers!"

Steve Sykes, Dothan, AL – Currently practicing anesthesia and pain management. "Celebrating 10<sup>th</sup> year in Dothan. Youngest child graduated from Auburn with architecture degree last May."

## '84

Ken Richeaux, Colorado Springs, CO – Pediatric Hospitalist for the last 10 years. Appointed Regional, then National Faculty for American Heart Association's Pediatric Advanced Life Support Program. Have served on the Board of Managers for the joint venture between Memorial Hospital and the (Denver) Children's Hospital. "Still in Colorado after 21 years! The 4 kids are grown –

#### Tiger in the News

Patricia Shearer ('86) is Director of the new University of Florida Shands Cancer Center Survivor Program. The program is committed to developing an interdisciplinary arrangement for providing cancer survivors of all ages with postcancer treatment and evidence-based guidelines for long-term health empowerment. This novel program also provides unique opportunities for permitting age-related and disease-related cohort studies.

Dr. Shearer has several research collaborations underway in the following areas: chronic pain in head and neck cancer survivors; community-based participatory research and establishment of a network for young adult survivors of childhood cancer in Florida; quality of life in cancer survivors; survivorship care response in primary care settings; and H. Lee Moffit Cancer Center.



youngest is 18 and graduates in May. See y'all at the Reunion!"

## '89

Joni Orazio and Charles Bramlet, Lafayette, LA – "We have just celebrated 20 years of marriage. Our oldest is now a LSU Tiger as a freshman in engineering. Our other two are in high school and middle school. We are both in private practice and feel blessed that our practices still give us a feeling of great purpose."

## '90

Dick Pino, West Newton, MA – At MGH in Boston. Promoted this summer to Captain in the Navy Reserve.

Graham Tujague, Baton Rouge, LA – "My partner Kevin DiBenedetto ('83) and Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center celebrate 10-year Anniversary of Convenient Care, LLC, in January. Convenient Care owns and operates seven Lake after Hours Urgent Care Clinics in Baton Rouge, Denham Springs, and Hammond and Total Occupational Medicine. Lake after Hours is expected to treat more than 90,000 patients in 2008. The website is: www.lakeafterhours.com.

## **'**91

Garnetta Morin-Ducote, Knoxville, TN – At the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville "surrounded by orange but still pulling for the Tigers."

### '92

Timothy Ehrlich, Westport, CT – "I am the Director of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery at St. Vincent's Medical Center, one of the busiest programs in Connecticut. Involved in numerous FDA and clinical trials for the surgical treatment of obesity. Wife and 3 kids, Zoe, Lola and Nate."

Vincent Forte, Monroe, LA – Elected President of Louisiana Society of Interventional Pain Physicians 2008.

## '93

Brian Bourgeois, New Orleans, LA – Practicing on the West Bank in Occupational Medicine and Diver Medicine. "Wife, Jeanne, and I have two kids – Elise, 7 years old, and John Michael, 4 years old. Early retirement from general surgery. Things are perfect. Hello to all!"

## '94

Maria Weimer, Metairie, LA – I am still on faculty at LSUHSC/ Children's Hospital in Pediatric Neurology. Steve ('92) and I now have a son James, who is now 18 months old.

## '95

Mia Singleton-Ben, Opelousas, LA – "Recently honored as one of the 'Women of St. Landry Parish – 2009' Mrs. February."

## '97

Luis Espinoza, Metairie, LA – Has an orthopaedic sports medicine practice in Kenner/Metairie. "Wife, Andrea ('00), continues her practice of pulmonary and intensive care medicine at Chabert Medical Center in Houma. Children: Manny Espinoza is 3½ and Clyana is 2 years old, both are growing like weeds!"

## '00

Gabriela Espinoza, Saint Louis, MO – "My husband, Melvin Maclin II, MD, and I are expecting our first child in January 2009. Drs. Luis and Carmen Espinoza (faculty); Andrea Girod-Espinoza (faculty '00) and Luis Espinoza ('97) are looking forward to

#### Tiger in the News



Charles W. Boustany ('82) was elected to his second term in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Louisiana's Seventh District. A native of Lafayette, LA, he earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now UL-Lafayette) in 1978. After being awarded the Urban Maes Award for Excellence in Surgery, he received his MD from LSUSM-NO in 1982, was a general surgery resident at the LSU Division of Charity Hospital, and then became Chief Resident in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery at the University of Rochester, NY. On completion of his residency in 1990, he returned to Lafayette, where he opened his practice.

Dr. Boustany

While caring for thousands of patients, he also established himself as one of South Louisiana's most civic-minded citizens. With an eye on how to make Southwest Louisiana thrive, Dr. Boustany wrote a Prescription for Prosperity, which became the backbone of his congressional campaign in 2004. He subsequently won that election, and was reelected in 2008 to continue his work in the House of Representatives.

Dr. Boustany is currently on the Ways and Means Committee, serving as a ranking member of the Oversight Committee and on the Income Security and Family Support Subcommittee. He is also serving in the following Caucuses: I-49 Caucus; Congressional Sportsman's Caucus; Mississippi River Caucus; Medical Doctor's Caucus; and the Coast Guard Caucus.

#### DECEASED

- 1940 Mildred E. Ward
  1945 Charles E. LeBlanc
  1948 Harold W. Richmond
  1950 Rafael C. Sanchez
  J. Lane Sauls
  1953 Robert T. Rounsaville
  1954 Robert Braswell
  Harold G. Gonsoulin
  Harmon J. Ward
- 1955 Robert J. Maraist
  1957 Boniface G. Trosclair
  1958 Charles A. Borne
  1959 Bryson D. Jones
  1963 Virginia S. Hammond
  1968 Alan W. Dascomb

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## the addition of baby boy Maclin to the family."

### '02

Jakeen Williams Johnson, Houston, TX – "My husband, Dr. Garfield Johnson III, and I welcomed our 1st baby: Graham Joseph Johnson on October 2, 2009."

## '05

Katie Anders Goudelocke, Shreveport, LA – "Colin ('04) and I have a baby boy! Augustin Joseph was born on September 11, 2008. We will be moving to Charleston, SC next summer to do a fellowship in female urology and I plan to do a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry."

#### Tiger in the News

Joyee Goswami ('05) married to Sameer Vachani in Kolkata, India, on March 8, 2008. "We had an amazing wedding celebration that started in India in March, followed by an Elvis-style wedding at the Graceland Chapel in Las Vegas in April! We continued our celebrations with a reception in New Orleans, LA in May, and a reception in Augusta, GA in June. We thank all our family and friends who made our celebrations so special."



Wedding in India

Dr. Goswami is currently working as a pediatric hospitalist at Emory and her husband is the vice president of business development in Atlanta.



The couple is serenaded Elvis-style by... is it? Could it be...?

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# From the Alumni Office. . .



Dear All,

I am extremely honored to follow in the footsteps of Russell Klein ('59) as Associate Dean for Alumni Affairs. My official first day was January 5, 2009. Russell has been graciously helping me transition into my new role. His shoes will be tough to fill. As you may know, Russell assumed the position in January 1985 when his predecessor, Dr. Richard Paddison, retired.

Under his leadership over 23 million dollars have been raised, the Committee of 100 has grown from 64 members to almost

700, and the Isidore Cohn Student Learning Center and Russell Klein Center for Advanced Practice have been built to advance the educational mission of the School of Medicine. Additionally, the 500 Club was born and serves to enhance the Basic Science Departments.

Russell is completing his book on the history of the LSU School of Medicine and will continue to preserve the institutional memory as he has done for all these years. Also, he will continue to serve the Health Sciences Center as Director of Special Projects.

My plans for this year include outreach trips to various alumni groups throughout the state, development of an electronic communication capability (email list serve) and a commitment to expansion of membership in the Committee of 100.

I hope to see many of you on these road trips, renew old relationships, and establish new ones. The Office of Alumni Affairs exists to support the School of Medicine and nurture its relationships with Alumni. Please do not hesitate to communicate your needs and ideas about how this office can serve you better.

I would also like to challenge my Class of 1984 to attend our  $25^{th}$  Reunion this year and set an attendance record. I look forward with great anticipation to seeing you in June and again in November at our  $4^{th}$  Annual Fall Gala.

Sincerely. Cathe Fontenat

Cathi Fontenot ('84) Associate Dean