KUDOS CORNER

Congratulations to Robin English, MD who is now the Director of Clinical Science Curriculum in the School of Medicine’s Office of Medical Education. Dr. English is no longer the Chief Hospitalist but will continue her work as Associate Professor as well as the Director of Pediatric Student Programs. Jay Hescock, MD was named the new Chief of the Section of Pediatric Hospital Medicine on January 1st.

FACULTY REMINDERS

If you are considering applying for promotion and/or tenure during this cycle, you must send a current CV to Dr. Lolie Yu, Chairman of the Departmental Promotion and Tenure Committee. You must also set up a meeting with her prior to starting the process.

Mark your calendars for all upcoming Faculty Meetings:

- January 23 -- Children’s Hospital Auditorium
- February 20 -- Children’s Hospital Auditorium
- March 20 -- Children’s Hospital Tower 2 Center
- April 18 -- Children’s Hospital Tower 2 Center
- May 15 -- Children’s Hospital Tower 2 Center
- June 19 -- Children’s Hospital Auditorium

Meetings begin at 12:00 noon and lunch is served.

UPCOMING PEDIATRIC EVENTS

Academic Pediatric Association Leadership Meeting

The APA will hold its National Leadership Conference in General Pediatrics on February 11-13 at the New Orleans Marriott Convention Center. For more information, visit www.ambpeds.org.

Southern Society for Pediatric Research (SSPR)

The Southern Regional Meeting of academic medical societies will be held February 12-14 at the New Orleans Hotel Inter-Continental. There are several seminars offered during the event including the following on the afternoon of Thursday, February 12:

- Manuscript Preparation and Peer-Reviewed Publication
- Introduction to Statistical Genetics
- Grant Writing Workshop
- Patient Centered Medical Homes: Patient and Provider Implications

For more information on the meeting, email cme@tulane.edu or call (504) 988-6441.

Research Day 2009

This year’s Department of Pediatrics Research Day is scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2009 in Children’s Hospital Auditorium. More information on abstract and presentation submissions coming soon!

New Orleans Pediatric Board Review™

The next Pediatric Board Review will be held August 3-8, 2009. If you are a speaker, please be on the lookout for your invite packet sent via email from Doug Grigsby at IPE. The 2009 brochure and registration information has been posted to the department’s website: www.medschool.lsuhsc.edu/pediatrics
UPDATE: HURRICANE IKE DONATIONS
Back in October Dr. Bonnie Desselle collected over $5,500 from faculty and residents and donated the sum on behalf of the department to the pediatric residents of The University of Texas Medical Branch Children’s Hospital who were affected by the destruction caused by Hurricane Ike. The storm was a reminder to many in the department of our own hardships faced during and after Hurricane Katrina. After receiving over $50,000 after the 2005 storm, LSU Pediatric Residents were eager to give back. Earlier this month, Dr. Desselle received a special thank you from the UTMB Pediatric Residents. A group picture (below) signed by each resident along with a card was sent in appreciation of the donation which helped them pay for gas while travelling to different rotation locations that were displaced after Ike.

NEW HIRE
We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member of Pediatrics. Alice Farley, MD has joined the Ambulatory Division as a part-time Clinical Assistant Professor effective January 1. She will be located at the School-based Health Clinics and Children’s Hospital Calhoun Campus.

MARDI GRAS HOLIDAY
Mardi Gras falls on February 24 this year. Administrative offices will be closed.

FEBRUARY SUBMISSIONS
Please send your submissions for the next issue of the newsletter to Kelly Allerton. You can reach Kelly by telephone (896-9800), fax (896-2720), or email (kslumb@lsuhsc.edu).