FUNERAL TODAY FOR DR. STEWART
A funeral service for Dr. William H. Stewart, Emeritus Chancellor of the LSU Health Sciences Center, will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 29th at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1329 Jackson Avenue. Visitation will begin at 11:30 a.m. Called by Dr. Ricardo Sorensen “friendly, completely unselfish, and one of the great representatives of our profession,” Dr. Stewart was also Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics, former Surgeon General of the United States, former Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services for Louisiana, and former Chair of the Department of Preventative Medicine at the School of Medicine. He died Wednesday, April 23rd of complications from kidney failure. He was 86. Burial will be private. Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

AN ABUNDANCE OF GOOD NEWS
Dr. Alfonso Vargas is delighted to report that Dr. Ricardo Sorensen is doing well after undergoing surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Sorensen had cardiac catheterization on April 17th, an aortic valve replacement on April 18th, and another short procedure to stop the bleeding on the 19th. The good news is that he is now walking, talking and behaving like his old, irascible self again.

While recovering, Dr. Sorensen can smile while recalling an accolade he just received from the editors of the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. Each year, following the AAAAI Annual Meeting, the editors identify the best presentations they saw at the meeting. They then invite those speakers to submit review articles based on the topics of their presentations. This year, the editors were “very impressed” by Dr. Sorensen’s pro/con debate (with Dr. Luigi Notarangelo) on “is it necessary to identify molecular defects in primary immunodeficiency disease?” and they invited both doctors to co-author a review for their Current Perspectives series on that topic. The review article will be part of a theme issue on “New insights, discoveries, and controversies in primary immunodeficiency.” Dr. Notarangelo is a Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School.

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING
Drs. Jay Hescock, Simone Fogarasi, and Amy Zeringue celebrated special honors April 15th at the Aesculapian Society’s banquet at Andrea’s Restaurant. The two hospitalists were winners of the Excellence in Teaching Award. Dr. Hescock won Outstanding Teacher as voted on by the medical school Class of 2008, and Dr. Fogarasi won Outstanding Teacher as voted on by the Class of 2009. And Dr. Zeringue was selected Outstanding Intern by the current third-year medical student class for her exceptional teaching, excellent example, and concern for student welfare. Says Chief Resident Caroline Straatmann: “Amy was selected amongst all of the interns at LSUHSC—a huge honor for her and the Pediatrics Department.” Congratulations to all!

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR
Kudos to Dr. Brian Barkemeyer, who received the Senator Allen J. Ellender Award as the 2008 Alumnus of the Year for Brother Martin High School. Dr. Barkemeyer is a 1979 graduate of the Catholic high school that has educated young men in New Orleans since 1869. He remains active at the school, serving as past-president of the alumni association and as a member of several boards. “I recognize the importance of Brother Martin in my own development,” he says, “and am happy to support the school in the education of current and future students.” Dr. Barkemeyer and his wife, Michelle, are the parents of five children.
NEW HIRES

We’d like to extend a warm welcome to these two new members of our Department:

Jaime Morales, MD began his duties March 3rd as Assistant Professor in the Div. of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology. He was an attending physician in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Driscoll Children’s Hospital in McAllen, Texas, and he was an adjunct assistant professor of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Paul Hyman, MD is Professor of Pediatrics and the new Chief of Pediatric Gastroenterology. Dr. Hyman completed his pediatric residency at New York University Bellevue Hospital Medical Center and his fellowship at University of California, Los Angeles. Prior to joining our department, he was Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

NEW PUBLICATIONS


IMPROVING LIFE IN THE PARISH

Allergist-Immunologist Dr. Ken Paris, a participant in the “CARE for St. Bernard” project, addressed a public meeting of St. Bernard Parish to talk about causes, treatment and prevention of allergy and asthma problems in the Parish. Funded by an EPA CARE grant, it was one of five public meetings focusing on water and air quality and parish recovery.

OUTSTANDING CARE TO CHILDREN WITH NEUROFIBROMATOSIS

Congratulations to Geneticist Dr. Yves Lacassie, who received a plaque recognizing his “Affiliate Clinic” status in the Children’s Tumor Foundation Neurofibromatosis Clinic Network.

WELCOME TO NEW LSU PEDIATRIC AND MED/PEDS INTERNS FOR 2008-2009

We are happy to greet our new Pediatric and Med/Peds Interns now joining our Department. We wish the very best to:

Pediatrics Interns
- Brooke Bock
- Jane Chung
- Amar Dave
- Jessie Dieguez
- Penny Dupre
- Kelly Kennett
- Gabrielle Lambert
- Sarah Latiolais
- Rebecca Levine

Medical School
- St. George’s University
- Ross University
- LSU-Shreveport
- Virginia Commonwealth
- LSU-New Orleans
- LSU-New Orleans
- U. of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine

Med/Peds Interns
- Courtney Austin
- Amanda England
- Kishore Gandla
- Michele Salassi
- Appalanaidu Sasapu
- Gisella Tay Yong

Medical School
- LSU-New Orleans
- U. of South Alabama
- Andhra Medical College
- LSU-New Orleans
- Andhra Medical College
- U. San Martin de Porres

BABY NEWS

Pediatric Cardiologist Dr. Steffan Sernich and his wife, Jodi, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Luca Ryan, born March 9th. Luca weighed in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

Submissions for the next issue of the newsletter must be given to Vicki Salloum-Holley no later than Friday, May 30th. You can reach Vicki by telephone (896-9800) or via e-mail at vsallo@lsuhsc.edu.