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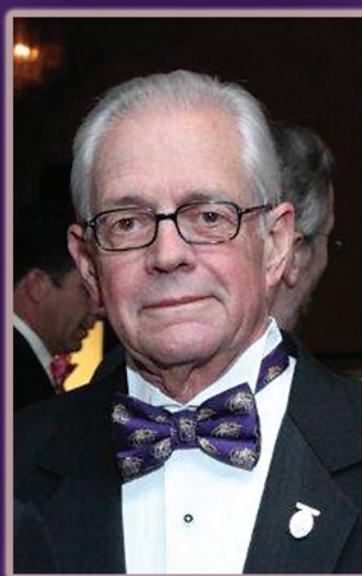
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Golden Tigers of the Class of '68



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In Memoriam

Russell C. Klein ('59), 1935-2018

A Message from the Dean



Dear Friends,

One of the primary missions of the LSU School of Medicine is to maintain an active and supportive research environment, which allows our faculty to make new medical discoveries designed to improve patient health and well-being. To this end, the School of Medicine supports research initiatives through (1) the recruitment of faculty, (2) providing start-up and seed funding, and (3) providing support for equipment and personnel for our core laboratories, which are necessary for our investigators to compete for Federal extramural research dollars. The School of Medicine has numerous areas of research excellence, not only within the academic and clinical departments, but also through our research centers. A brief listing of our research expertise includes: Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Cancer, Immunology and Infectious Disease, Cardiovascular, and Neuroscience Research, in addition to expertise in genetics, bioinformatics, health disparities, and other areas.

Several years ago, I went to the Alumni Board to request funds to help me recruit an outstanding investigator with a focus on cardiovascular disease to LSU. The Cardiovascular Center of Excellence was established in 1991 by **Jack P. Strong, MD ('51)** on the strength of the Pathobiological Determinants of Atherosclerosis in Adolescents and Young Adults (PDAY) NIH funded center grant to study the natural history and risk factors for early human atherosclerosis and development of cardiovascular diseases. As many of you are well-aware Dr. Strong was widely recognized both nationally and internationally as an expert in the pathophysiology of atherosclerosis. Following the retirement of Dr. Strong in 2013, the School of Medicine, together with the generous support of the Alumni Association, recruited Dr. David Lefer an expert in the area of heart failure to advance the development of this Center of Excellence. As part of his recruitment in 2013, the Alumni Association funded the development of a state-of-the-art translational cardiovascular research laboratory that allows for the measurement of cardiac function in clinically relevant models of cardiovascular diseases. The CV Center has worked very closely with the NIH COBRE Grant—Mentoring in Cardiovascular Biology—under the direction of Dr. Dan Kapusta to build a national reputation for LSU in cardiovascular research and medicine over the past five years. Since 2013, the CV Center has recruited five new faculty members and trained seven research fellows and five Ph.D. students. In addition, the CV Center has initiated the Gerald Berenson Summer Student Fellowship Program and has supported and mentored 13 students in this new initiative. The CV Center has garnered 30 extramural research grants totaling \$9.2 million in funding including grants from the NIH-Heart Lung and Blood Institute along with funding from the American Heart Association and pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies to develop novel therapeutics to treat acute myocardial infarction and heart failure. The CV Center hopes to expand in the coming years and continues to focus on the translation of medical treatments for cardiovascular diseases from the bench to bedside.

Without the support of the Alumni Association none of this would have been possible. I thank you for all that you do for our School and together we will continue to build on our tradition of excellence in education, research and clinical care.

Sincerely,

Steve Nelson, MD
Dean

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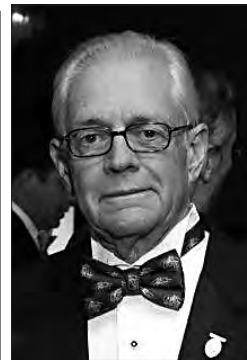
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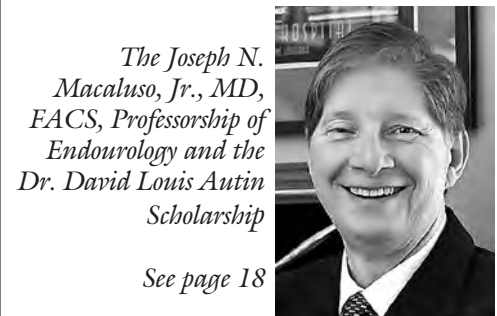
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In Memoriam

Russell Klein ('59), Pillar at LSU School of Medicine

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The Joseph N. Macaluso, Jr., MD, FACS, Professorship of Endourology and the Dr. David Louis Autin Scholarship

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It's a Masquerade Party! Don't miss the 2018 Purple & Gold Gala on November 10 at the Roosevelt New Orleans. See page 11 for details.

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Committee of 100 Banquet



The LSU School of Medicine Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence comprises over 800 members who have committed to financially support the LSU School of Medicine, funding Professorships, Chairs, the Cardiovascular Center of Excellence, the **Russell C. Klein, MD ('59)** Center for Advanced Practice and the Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD, Student Learning Center. The banquet recognized new members of the Committee.

After a dinner of beef filet and bisque, Mr. Bill Masterton, CEO of University Medical Center in New Orleans, updated the Committee on service lines in the hospital, including the Trauma services and a new state-of-the-art Burn Unit.

In attendance were **Fred Rodriguez ('75)**, President of the Committee of 100, and his wife Susan; Steve Nelson, Dean of the School of Medicine, and wife, Julie; **Bo Sanders ('64)** with wife, Julia; and Gerald Berenson with wife, Joan.



Steve Nelson, MD, Dean, left, with Bill Masterton, President and CEO, University Medical Center



Patricia Granier ('93) and Steven Granier ('92)



Left to right: Cy Vaughn ('58), Vicki Vaughn Roden, Thea Weilbaecher, and James Weilbaecher ('58)

Committee of 100 Banquet

New Life Member



Left to right: Cy Vaughn ('58), new Life Member Casey Murphy ('13), and Fred Rodriguez ('75)



Robert Cangelosi ('54), with Ann Yvette deLaVillesbret



PHOTO, LEFT
Wilma Dickey and
Richard Dickey, MD



PHOTO, RIGHT
Louis Cucinotta ('62), left,
with James Leonard ('63)



Carl Blunck ('81) and Chris Blunck

New Members



Narinder Gupta ('78)



Susan Rodriguez



Graham Tujague ('90)

Committee of 100 Banquet



Left to right: Michael Modica ('14), Cathi Fontenot ('84), Susan Rodriguez, and Fred Rodriguez ('75)



Bo Sanders ('64) and Julia Sanders



Jody McCann and Gerald Foret, Jr. ('85)



Jeffery Sketchler ('86) and Shelly Sketchler



Susan Ieyoub ('93) and David Ieyoub



Andrea Espinoza ('00) and Luis Espinoza ('97)



Left to right: Jason Smith ('81), Christin Smith, Jennifer Kearns, and David Kearns ('79)

REUNION WEEKEND 2018

Please check out the LSU Medical Alumni Association's website — www.medschool.lsuhschool.edu/alumni_affairs/ — to view all of the pictures taken at Reunion Weekend.

Over 600 alumni from classes of '55, '58, '62, '63, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, '03, and '08 returned to New Orleans for the 2018 reunions. Led by the Class of '68, they spent a weekend attending social events and sharing memories. Tours were available of the **Russell C. Klein, MD ('59)** Center for Advanced Practice and the Isidore Cohn Jr, MD Student Learning Center, where the alumni had a chance to interact with our simulation equipment.

The day concluded with a cocktail reception at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside Hotel for reunion attendees and their guests. The Hilton was the site the following day for the Scientific Session, which conferred CME Credit to its attendees and featured speakers, included Chancellor **Larry Hollier ('68)**, **Fred Cerise ('88)**, **Richard DiCarlo ('87)**, **Peter Deblieux ('88)** and **Scott Delacroix Jr. ('04)**.

At the mid-morning business meeting, **Fred Rodriguez ('75)** was named President of the Alumni Association, **Catherine "Cacky" Hebert ('97)** was named President-Elect and **Andy Mayer ('86)** Vice-President.

Alumni of the Year were recognized for their outstanding service to the School, the profession and the community. The awards went to **Richard DiCarlo ('87)**, **Ronald Lahasky ('90)** and **William Newman III ('67)**.

Scientific Session

PHOTO, RIGHT

Left to right: **Aaron Roy ('63)**; **Larry Braud ('68)**; **Gerald Berenson, MD**; and **Tony Fargason ('63)**



PHOTO, LEFT

Left to right: **Conrad Pierce ('68)**, **Thomas Neumann ('68)**, and **Pop Neumann ('73)**

REUNION WEEKEND 2018



Fred Cerise ('88) addresses the attendees at the Scientific Session.



Scott Delacroix, Jr. ('04) speaks at the Scientific Session

Three Winners! Alumni of the Year



Dr. DiCarlo

Richard P. DiCarlo ('87) completed his internal medicine residency and his infectious diseases fellowship at LSU in 1993, and has spent his career improving the medical school curriculum and teaching untold numbers of students and residents. He played an integral role in successfully navigating the School through the rigorous visit by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). He has been a faithful supporter of the LSU Medical Alumni Association and is a member of the Committee of 100.



Dr. Lahasky

Ronald M. Lahasky ('90) completed an internal medicine residency at LSU in 1993 and has served his patients and his community of Erath, LA, as Medical Director of multiple healthcare entities. He established the Bernard and Marie Lahasky Professorship in Family Medicine to support the School. He has been a member of the LSU Medical Alumni Board of Directors and has served as Past-President. A faithful supporter of the LSU School of Medicine, he is a member of the Committee of 100.



Dr. Newman

William P. Newman III ('67) completed a pathology residency in the LSU program at Charity Hospital, New Orleans, and joined the LSU School of Medicine faculty in the Department of Pathology in 1971. He published and co-authored over 100 research articles over his career, and spent many years teaching medical students and residents. He has been a faithful supporter of the LSU Medical Alumni Association and is a member of the Committee of 100 and the 500 Club.

PHOTO, RIGHT

Left to right: Fred Rodriguez, Jr. ('75), President of the LSU Medical Alumni Association 2018/2019; Cathi Fontenot ('84); and Peter DeBlieux ('88)



REUNION WEEKEND 2018

Cocktail Party



Maurice Bercier ('68), left, and Bill Hall ('68)



Walter Cockerham ('58) and Sally Cockerham



PHOTO, LEFT

Left to right: Ericka Rau, Eric Rau ('93), and Brigitte Brown ('93)



Left to right: Larry Braud ('68), Clyde Landrum ('68), Frank Noles ('68), Julie Noles, Phil Daspit ('68), and Herb Marks ('68)

REUNION WEEKEND 2018



Members of the Class of 1988, left to right: Annette Cosgrove, Mali Lingamalla, Tina Tan, Joanne Mafei, Oleg Bess, Bonnie Desselle, and Anh Chao



Ares Christakis ('08), left, and Otis Drew ('05)



Larry Hollier ('68) and Diana Hollier



Left to right: Narinder Gupta ('78), Suman Gupta ('89), Shashi Gupta, Surinder Gupta ('78), Nomita Gupta, and Shaminder Gupta ('98)

REUNION WEEKEND 2018



Members of the Class of 2008, left to right: John Vu, Parker Velargo, Christine Culpepper, Kim Drew, Emily Speeg, and Andrea Murina

MEDICAL ALUMNI REUNIONS 2019

for the following classes:



'49, '54, '55,
'59, '62, '64,
'69, '74, '79,
'84, '89, '94,
'99, '04, '09

May 31st & June 1st, 2019
Hilton New Orleans Riverside

To volunteer to help with your 2019 reunion,
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Purple & Gold Gala 2018

Masquerade Party

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday
November 10, 2018

The Roosevelt
New Orleans

*Come and enjoy live music and
silent auction, dancing, laughter,
and a buffet dinner. Entertainment
by Louisiana Spice.*



REUNION CLASSES

Class of 1955

Attending members of the
Class of 1955 (left to right):

Billy Hillman
Mary Lou Applewhite
Archie McIntyre
Carl Passman



Class of 1958



REUNION CLASSES

Class of 1963



**GOLDEN TIGERS of the Class of 1968
are pictured on the front cover.**

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REUNION CLASSES

Class of 1973



Class of 1978



REUNION CLASSES

Class of 1983



Class of 1988



REUNION CLASSES

Class of 1993



Class of 1998



REUNION CLASSES

Class of 2003



Class of 2008



Alumnus Profile: Joseph N. Macaluso, Jr. ('79)

Joseph N. Macaluso, Jr., MD, FACS, Professorship of Endourology and the Dr. David Louis Autin Scholarship

Dr. Joseph Macaluso can't remember a time when he wasn't a huge LSU fan. He realized he wanted to become a doctor during his middle school years, and after graduating from UNO he attended the LSU School of Medicine, which he described as on the top of his list.

He is grateful that as a child of two schoolteachers and of modest means he could afford to attend medical school. "Without the LSU School of Medicine, I wouldn't be a surgeon or urologist or had the experiences I have had and traveled all over the world," he said.

"I had a great class," he added. "It was the first expanded class in terms of numbers and in terms of the number of women. Whereas previous classes had maybe 10 women, ours had more than 40. It was a dramatic jump at the time."

Dr. Macaluso considers himself fortunate that he was able to learn from Dr. Isidore Cohn, whom he calls "one of greatest teachers at LSU." He said Dr. Cohn's style of teaching was memorable and no one who learned from him came away without significant respect for him and the way he taught. "I felt like I was a surgeon after his lectures and rounds with him," he recalled.

Dr. Macaluso always knew he wanted to give back to the school that gave him so much. After graduation, a fellowship and setting up a private practice, he has generously shared his time, his talents and his financial successes with the LSU School of Medicine and the local community.

After going into private practice with the Urologic Institute in New Orleans, he joined the clinical faculty as an instructor at LSU Health and Tulane. Dr. Macaluso and his colleagues also welcomed residents to their practice for 16 years, further contributing to the future of urology. Even today, he continues to teach future urologists in various ways.

He became a loyal Committee of 100 member because of his gratitude for what LSU School of Medicine did for him and because he recognized the important role the LSU School of Medicine plays in training tomorrow's physicians. In 1986, then Associate Dean and Director of the Office of Alumni Affairs, **Russell Klein, MD ('59)** asked him to serve on the LSU Medical Alumni Association board of directors, which he enthusiastically agreed to do.

During this time, Dr. Macaluso became increasingly concerned by the state's struggle to fully support higher education and specifically, public medical education and the Charity Hospital System. In 1988, the LSU Health Foundation, New Orleans (<https://www.lsuhealthfoundation.org/>) was formed and Dr. Macaluso realized it would provide an additional vehicle to provide the LSU School of Medicine with sustainability and success independent of the state's budget woes. When **Earl Rozas, MD ('64)** asked him to serve in 1992 he eagerly accepted, eventually serving as



Dr. Macaluso

chairman of the board and continuing as a board member even today.

"The Alumni Association has done a fabulous job raising critical funds and creating endowments for professorships, scholarships and chairs. The Foundation has the ability to take on some roles the University cannot. It has greater flexibility than the University to invest in the research going on right here in our own University and to add land, facilities and needed services to our footprint," he said.

"Philanthropy and private investment can be the salvation of the LSU Health Sciences Center because the state is always in a money bind. We cannot trust the state to fund LSU

Health to the level needed,” he continued. “I was familiar with other institutions in other states that had huge endowments, and I knew the foundation was the mechanism to catapult LSU Health forward and free it from legislative issues and a chronic lack of funding.”

As an advocate and ardent supporter of both the LSU Alumni Association and the LSU Health Foundation New Orleans, he gave the initial gift to create the Joseph N. Macaluso, Jr., MD, FACS, Professorship of Endourology. Endowment gifts are critical to the LSU Health Sciences Center’s future growth and ability to achieve excellence, providing annual earnings to support the goals of the LSU Health Sciences Center. This professorship supports a distinguished scientist whose innovative research techniques examine the expanding role of endourology and minimally invasive surgery in relation to the full extent of urologic diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. It was successfully matched with \$40,000 from the Louisiana Board of Regents in 2017.

About the same time as the Macaluso Professorship was being completed,

David Autin ('78), who had been one year ahead of him in school and a fellow general surgery and urology resident, died suddenly of a heart attack. Dr. Autin was a beloved urologist in Lafayette, Louisiana, who firmly believed that “education is the great equalizer.” Dr. Macaluso made the seed gift and Dr. Autin’s three children came together to honor their father’s legacy through their own personal gifts and additional gifts from family and friends created the David L. Autin Scholarship. Earlier this year, the Louisiana Board of Regents awarded \$40,000 from the Program for Superior Endowed Graduate Scholarships to the Dr. David Louis Autin Scholarship, which will provide tuition relief to deserving students, especially to those students who are the first to enter medicine in their family, just like Dr. Autin did in his own family.

As an early investor in Angel MD (<https://www.angelmd.co/en>), Dr. Macaluso is particularly excited about the opportunities that investing in the intellectual capital at LSU Health can bring to the university. Angel MD is a healthcare investment community with over 10,000 members, the majority of whom are

physicians, that helps healthcare startups obtain funding and support. “The great idea that someone has is worth nothing if it remains just an idea,” he said. “Academic researchers all over the globe come up with great ideas every day. Those ideas are financially worthless until they can generate revenue for the university through commercialization.”

Dr. Macaluso and his wife Renée’s generosity also extends to Brother Martin High School and Ursuline Academy, where he and his wife created scholarship funds. “Though retired from clinical practice, both Renée and I have been able to create scholarships, the Macaluso Professorship, seed the Autin Scholarship as well as contribute to the Alumni Association and Foundation. Together with being able to serve on the Alumni Board and continuing to serve on the Foundation board—it’s just something I feel good about,” he said.

If you are interested in supporting either the Macaluso Professorship or the Autin Scholarship or other important initiatives of the LSU School of Medicine, please call the LSU Health Foundation at 504/568-3712.

Dr. David Louis Autin Scholarship established in Dr. Autin’s honor



David Autin ('78)



Siblings honor their father’s legacy by creating the David Louis Autin Scholarship.

Dr. Russell Klein, Pillar at LSU School of Medicine

By John Pope, *The Times-Picayune*

Dr. **Russell Klein** ('59), a lung specialist who spent more than a half-century at LSU School of Medicine—as a student, resident, professor and administrator—died Sunday, September 2, 2018, at Touro Infirmary of complications of meningitis, said Dr. **Cathi Fontenot** ('84), the school's Associate Dean for Alumni Affairs and Development. He was 83 years old.

"He loved LSU School of Medicine with all his heart," Dr. Fontenot said. "He was really the institutional memory of this place in the truest sense of the word because he was around for so long."

Dr. Fontenot holds the job that had been Dr. Klein's from 1985 to 2009. In that position, he made a point of keeping in touch with upwards of 11,000 medical-school graduates, said Dr. **Larry Hollier** ('68), Chancellor of LSU Health Sciences Center. The medical school is a component of the center.

In addition to maintaining contact with all those physicians, Dr. Klein made a point of rallying them to raise money to build a patient-simulation center to replace one that Hurricane Katrina and its floodwaters had destroyed, Dr. Hollier said.

In that center, medical students and residents work on robots that are programmed not only to speak but also to exhibit a wide range of symptoms and even die if a student slips up. Just one robot cost \$300,000.

Dr. Klein raised the money because the Federal Emergency Management Agency was taking too long to reimburse LSU, Dr. Hollier said.

When the federal money came through, the medical school had two patient-simulation centers. One was named for Dr. Isidore Cohn, Jr.; the other was named for Dr. Klein.

"I think he was totally dedicated to LSU, and to student teaching," Hollier said.

Throughout Dr. Klein's career, Fontenot said, "He was a gentleman. He was very meticulous in his appearance and his communication."

Dr. Klein, a life-long New Orleanian, earned an undergraduate degree from Loyola and a medical degree from LSU.

He finished medical school in 1959. Except for a 1966-67 fellowship in pulmonary medicine at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Dr. Klein stayed at LSU's medical school until he retired in 2009.

After an internship and residency at Charity Hospital, Dr. Klein started climbing the academic ladder, starting as an instructor in 1967. In 1982, he was named professor of medicine, a title he held until his retirement.

Alumni-related work became part of his job in 1985.

In 2009, the medical school's Center for Advanced Practice was named for Dr.

Klein. A year later, he was named a professor emeritus.

In addition to working at LSU, he was a former director of pulmonary therapy at Charity and Hotel Dieu hospitals.

Dr. Klein, who wrote or co-authored 33 articles for peer-reviewed medical journals, was a former president of the Orleans Parish Medical Society, the Louisiana State Medical Society, the Louisiana Thoracic Society and the Greater New Orleans Medical Foundation.

He received a Laureate Award from the Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Chest Physicians.

In addition to membership in local, state and regional medical societies, Dr. Klein was a fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Chest Physicians, and he was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, a scholastic honorary society for medical students.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Guinn Klein; a son, Steven Klein of New Orleans; a daughter, Robin Klein of New Orleans; and a brother, E.J. Klein of New Orleans.

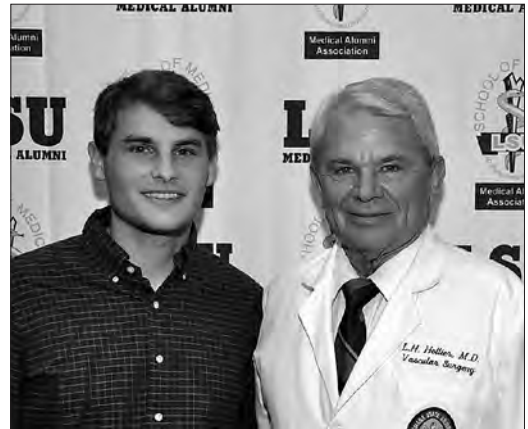


Dr. Russell Klein shares the moment with his wife, at the dedication of the Center for Advanced Practice.

Tiger Cubs



Beth, Katherine (Cub), Donald ('93) and William Woolridge



Samuel Cole (Cub) and Larry Hollier ('68), grandfather



Marcia Benita Davila, MD; Michael Bates (Cub); Louis Cucinotta ('62)



Merrick, John (Cub) and Vernon Valentino ('85)



Brandon Retif ('14), Hope (Cub) and Pamela Canale Martin ('79) – Hope is the granddaughter of the late Salvador Canale ('49)



John McCain, MD; Christina (Cub); Michelle Elfert McCain ('96)

Tiger Cubs



Kim, Meredith (Cub) and Scott Gioe ('90)



Kirby ('90), Kirbyanne (Cub) and Deneen Plessala ('90)



Elizabeth (Cub) and Minh Dao ('91)



Bryan ('93) and Madeline Evans (Cub)



Michael (96) and Peyton Watkins (Cub)



Louis ('84) and Emily (Cub) Hebert – Emily is the granddaughter of the late Alfred G. Wiedemann, Jr. ('54)



Kamran Sherwani, MD; Nazeer (Cub), Tarannum Rashid Sherwani ('89)

Tiger Cubs



Katherine, Jonathan (Cub), Alli ('18) and Jonathan Joseph, Sr. ('84)



Anne (Cub) and Kevin Reed ('90) - Not pictured, Sandy Reed ('94)



Leslie, Carley (Cub) and R. Graham Boyce ('85)



Kelvin ('78), Casey (Cub) and Vonnie Serbin Contreary ('81)



Mini Jacob Elnaggar ('02), Jacob (Cub) and Tarek Elnaggar



Shelley Martin ('93), Caroline Bonaventure (Cub), Angela Amedee, PhD, and Catherine Bonaventure

Tigerlines

Happy Birthday!



Jack P. Strong ('51) (*right*) celebrates his 90th birthday with cheers from his daughter Maury Strong (*center*) and Gerald S. Berenson, MD (*left*).

'54

Alvin Friedland, Livingston, NJ – “Continually Grateful”

'57

Alvin M. Cotlar, Gulfport, MS – Invited to be guest speaker at June graduation dinner for Keesler General Surgery Residents. Planned title talk: “*Don't Be Like Me – Be a Contender.*” All residents are active duty Air Force.

Ernest C. Hansen, Jr, Thibodaux, LA – “Retired now for nine years. Don't know how I had time to work with eight grandkids + three great. Finished medical school at 23 and retired at 74. Still love to fish and travel. They took my snow skis away last year.”

Sam S. Holladay, Springhill, LA – “Three of our ‘children’ are practicing... MD's. Our granddaughter applying to medical school this fall.”

Fred Thomas, Perry, LA – “Happily retired in Perry, LA.”

'65

Robert E. Haley, McKinney, TX – “I was honored as the recipient of the Shreveport Medical Society 2017 Medical Society Distinguished Service Honor Award.”

John Sorrells, Lake Charles, LA – Retired.

'67

James T. Evans, Bluffton, SC – “The world looks different! Cataracts gone.”

'68

William D. Bailey, Bossier City, LA – “Seventy-six medical missions to date... and still going. Contact me in Bossier City, LA, if you are interested in going to Africa, Asia or Europe.”

'69

James L. Knoll III, Pagosa Springs, CO – “Living the peaceful quiet life in the Rocky Mountains. Still retiring.”

'70

Parker Griffith, Huntsville, AL – “Myself, **Ray Sheppard ('70)**, **Thomas Griffith ('66)** are all here retired, doing well. **Robert Len Baird ('70)** is here as well but not doing well.”

Stephen C. Pardys, Mill Valley, CA – “Finally retired this year after 43 years of practicing Gastroenterology and Internal Medicine in San Francisco. Looking forward to having more time for other interests.”

'71

Bennie Nobles, Kenner, LA – “Still working and blessed with good health. Stopped OB last year, still doing surgery and office three full days per week. Eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Working with the New Orleans Mission to care for the homeless and neglected population.”

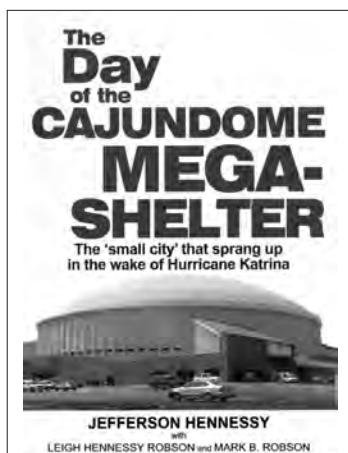
'72

W. Glen Wells Jr, Birmingham, AL – “Left private practice to work for UAB three years ago. Associate Professor of Urology. Who'd-a-Thunk-It! Life is good.”

'74

Patricia McGuff Schneider, St. Francisville, LA – “Still practicing pediatrics and enjoying. My scribe for my EMR for the past year is Chris Peck – nephew of **Gary Peck ('75)**. Chris will start LSU Shreveport summer 2018.”

Tiger in the News



Paul J. Azar, Jr. ('70) is featured in a new book, *The Day of the Cajundome Mega-Shelter* (Acadian House Publishing, 2017), by Jefferson Hennessy, Leigh Hennessy Robson, and Mark B. Robson. The Cajundome Mega-Shelter in Lafayette, LA, the nation's first such facility, housed more than 7,000 evacuees at its peak in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Dr. Azar served as medical director of the operation. One of the more daunting challenges faced by Dr. Azar and his team began around 2 o'clock one morning when 17 buses showed up at the 'dome with little notice. Today, more than a decade later, the Cajundome Mega-Shelter serves as a model for the rest of the nation, a blueprint of how to care for a large number of people for a long period of time in the wake of a major natural disaster.

'75

Fred H. Rodriguez, Jr., New Orleans, LA—"I am proud to announce that my daughter Kathy, who is an artist and faculty member of the University of New Orleans Fine Arts Department, has had one of her creations selected by a distinguished jury of New Orleans visual artists to be exhibited as part of the select 'Thirty New Orleans Artists' showing. This exhibition highlights the many contributions of contemporary visual artists during New Orleans' Tricentennial.

"The exhibition 'Thirty New Orleans Artists' will be held from September 8 to November 3, 2018, in the Second Story Gallery. The Second Story Gallery is an artist-run cooperative located in the New Orleans Healing Center at 2372 St. Claude Ave., on the corner of St. Claude and St. Roch, directly across from the St. Roch Market."

'82

James J. Crawford, Roanoke, VA – Section Member of 54-Member Anesthesiology Group – Consultants of Virginia. Mainly doing Cardiac Anesthesia.

'86

William Brent Klein, Bonaire, GA – Starting second year Board of Directors ABPM. Starting first-year Continuing Certification Committee, ABMS.

'88

Patrick McCrossen, Baton Rouge, LA – Director Medical Services Department – East Louisiana Mental Health System, Louisiana Department of Health.

'89

Michael Halle, Springfield, VA — Sent a donation in honor of Howard Randall, former Associate Dean of Student Affairs 1997-2005. Dr. Halle's original class would have been the class of '72. "Dr. Randall said he'd let me back in when I went back to LSU fourteen years after I withdrew in the middle of my sophomore year. He said I had to go back to college for a year and take the MCAT over again, which I did. I remain forever grateful." Dr. Halle enjoyed a 25-year career as an Internist and recently retired.

'90

Vick DiCarlo, Birmingham, AL – Opening Clesi's Restaurant and Catering, 4323 Bienville Street, New Orleans, Summer 2018.

'97

Mark Napoli, Monroe, LA – Founded Complete Cardiovascular Center of Monroe in 2015, largest Cardiovascular Group in NE Louisiana. Comprises General, Interventional Cardiology, EP Devices, Cardiac Surgical Services, CV Research and Executive Cardiovascular Corporate Wellness.

Owner of COR Medical LLC – a company that places primary care clinics in corporate employee centers nationally.

'99

Michael L. "Luke" James, Durham, NC – Was tenured at Duke and took a role in Duke's sister school in Singapore to foster clinical research.

Deceased

1947

Alvin S. Wexler

1949

Mortimer F. Currier

1951

Herman Gibson
Edward J. Puneky

1952

Chris N. Christu

1954

Robert G. Jarrell
Albert J. Lauro

1955

Helen K. VanFossen

1956

A. Mark Parker

1959

Donald R. Blocker
Wally V. Hotho
Russell C. Klein

1960

Daniel T. Sanders
Hans D. Sommer

1965

John M. Daly
Gayle F. Wurzlów

1970

Janet B. Higgins

1974

Harry J. McGaw

1976

Don M. Hemelt

1977

James S. Osterberger

1978

Dennis D. Cech

1979

Georgia A. Reine

1981

Walter J. Birdsall

1991

William B. Hart

1992

Robert W. Miller

1993

Kathleen M. Enstice

~ IN MEMORIAM ~

Dennis D. Cech ('78) was born on February 27, 1951, in Cleveland, OH. He was in Borremeo Seminary from age 14 until his junior year in high school. He graduated in 1972 from the Ohio State University, and married in 1973. He was drafted into the Navy and received an Honorable Discharge in 1978. He graduated from LSU School of Medicine in 1978. He did his residency and fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic, and also did research there. Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Allergy and Immunology, he had a private practice for 26 years in Lakewood, OH. Dr. Cech was loved by all. He loved medicine, all sports, fishing, boating, good friends, good eats (he was a great cook), reading, a good discussion at anytime, and family and friends. We lost him to cancer on September 20, 2017. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Stella Y. Cech (aka Bonnie), who has a PhD in pharmacology from Tulane.

—Stella Y. Cech

'01

Benjamin K. Canales and Muna Thalji Canales, Gainesville FL – “We have three children: Layla (12), Shireen (9), and Laith (7). Benjy received the 2016 American Urological Association Gold Cystoscope Award and the 2017 Endourology Society Cook Urological ‘Arthur Smith’ Award, which are prestigious early investigator awards given annually by these societies. He received these based on research initiatives in the pathogenesis of kidney stone disease

and hopes to continue to be a surgeon-scientist for years to come.”

'07

L'Issa L. Gates, Marrero, LA – Named a 40 Under 40 Leaders in Minority Health Award by National Minority Quality Forum.



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From your Alumni Office. . .



Dear All,

Greetings on behalf of the Medical Alumni Office. 2018 has already been a busy year with participation in Match Day, Family Day, Reunions and Committee of 100 Banquet and, most recently, the Dean's Reception for incoming medical students. The reception included 24 children of our alumni ("Tiger Cubs").

Plans are well underway for our Annual Purple and Gold Gala that will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2018, at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans. This event is not limited to Alumni, so invite your families and friends. There will be great entertainment as well as a Silent Auction that will feature a wide variety of items.

Thanks as usual for your support.

Sincerely,

Cathi Fontenot ('84)
Associate Dean
for Alumni Affairs and
Development

CLASS OF 1968, *photo featured on front cover*

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STANDING – LEFT TO RIGHT: Clyde Landrum, Phillip Daspit, Bert Oubre, Robert Peden, Garrett Burris, Richard Haydel, Joseph LaNasa, Michael Kolczun, John MacGregor, Havard Albright, Walter Ledet, James Hoth, Franklin Noles, William Weldon, F. Gary Cunningham, Richard Roniger, Thomas Hebert, Lawrence Braud, A. Wayne Martin, J. Conrad Pierce, Thaddeus Carter, William Pelletier, Charles Olivier, Paul "Tom" Gaudet, Frederick Kirchner, Russell Levy, Michael Turner, Grant Simmons, Fortune Dugan, Herschel Dean, Robert Earhart



CAMP TIGER



Camp Tiger is a summer camp organized and run by LSU medical students. The camp serves children with physical and/or mental disabilities between ages 5 and 18.