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Thomas McNeely, Crowley, LA – "Oddly at my age of awareness the Civil War was more recent than Pearl Harbor is today! Grateful for life, liberty, country, family, profession and my Alma Mater – LSU."

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Martha Pope, Baton Rouge, LA – "Life continues to be good – Interesting to be older – My husband of 54 years and I really love being grandparents – a total of four with the oldest 24 years and the youngest 4 years! Semi-retirement leaves time for antique roses – work two days per week."

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Michael Hirsch, Dallas, TX – "My daughter Catherine Anastasia graduated magna cum-laude from

Tiger in the News

The Louisiana State Medical Society recognized **Thomas J. Kennedy** ('77), of Metairie, Friday, January 27, at its annual House of Delegates Meeting in Baton Rouge with the LSMS Physician Award for Community Service. The award was established to provide recognition to a member who is actively involved in community and civic activities above and beyond their responsibilities in the practice of medicine.

Kennedy is a founding member of the New Orleans Medical Mission Services, founded in 2002. There, he volunteers as vice president and serves as medical director. He also participates in medical missions to care for underprivileged populations in neighboring countries, including Ecuador, Nicaragua, Panama and Honduras. He has helped the organization grow to more than 500 volunteers, which includes many LSMS physicians, and undertakes two to four medical missions each year. In the 48 hours after Hurricane Katrina, he contributed medical supplies and assistance and has since engaged in a number of charitable activities, including providing 80,000 meals for the poor to Second Harvest Food Bank.

Georgia Northwestern State University. My granddaughter Melissa is the editor of The Maroon – Loyola Newspaper in New Orleans."

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Mary Lou Applewhite, New Orleans, LA – "My class is having a reunion yearly and we are enjoying it very much."

Adelle Drane-Bosch, Pikesville, MD – "Enjoving life at age 80 years. Just

returned from ocean voyage in the Middle East. Had to cancel port calls in Turkey & Syria. We avoided Cairo on our way to the pyramids at Giza. Luxor and Karnak were stable. Lebanon was wonderful! The highlight of our entire trip was Petra in Jordan where buildings and tombs were carved into magnificently colored stone mountains. We enjoyed overnight trips in Jerusalem and Bethlehem."

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Warren Plauché, Snellville, GA – "Moved to Snellville, GA, permanently on 1 June 2011. Still selling watercolor paintings – Google my Facebook Gallery."

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To volunteer to help with your 2012 reunion, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (504) 568-4009 or e-mail: ROAR@lsuhsc.edu

See you there!



Tiger in the News

Jaime R. Garza ('87) of San Antonio, a specialist in plastic surgery, was elected President of the Texas Society of Plastic Surgeons (TSPS) during the annual meeting, October 13-16, 2011, in San Antonio, TX. A San Antonio native, Dr. Garza is a Clinical Professor of Surgery, Clinical Professor of Otolaryngology, Assistant Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and President and CEO of Texas Plastic Surgery and Renew Associates, P.A. He retired as full Professor of Surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, where he was founder and Chief of the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, a nationally-recognized program that trained most of the country's military plastic surgeons and Associate Vice President for UTHSCSA.

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Huey Wyatt, Georgetown, KY – "Retired for ten years. Enjoying free time and ability to take leave when desired – Go Tigers!"

′59

Marvin Stuckey, Baton Rouge, LA – "Loretta, wife or 53½ years, deceased, 9/10/10. Son, Paul Berckes, 1st born of Loretta and I, died in line of duty as a Sgt. in the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Department on 9/30/11."

Stanley White, Tulsa, OK – "Still working part-time. Looking forward to 55th-year celebration. Enjoy any news on fellow graduates."

′61

Kenneth Veca, Kenner, LA – "Enjoying retirement from my orthopedic practice. Have resumed my music interests – started The Ken Veca Big Band – we play for fun."

′63

David Hunter, Colorado Springs, CO – "Retired and enjoying

mountains of Colorado. We spend time in Arizona when snow gets too deep."

Dan Lestage, Fleming Island, FL – "I was elected President-Elect of the International Academy of Aviation and Space Medicine at the 59th International Congress of Aviation and Space Medicine held in Bucharest, Romania, in September 2011. I will become President at the 61st International Congress to be held in Jerusalem, Israel in the fall of 2013."

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Albert C. Rees, Lafayette, LA – "Leisure of retirement is grand."

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Duane Williams, Greenville, AL – "My daughter Caroline is a senior at LSU – Baton Rouge in pre-med. 5th grandchild Cameron born in Destin, Florida. Clinic sold to hospital – I am an employee now – Pediatrics."

'68

F. Gary Cunningham, Dallas, TX – "We continue to get many LSUSOM graduates who are excellent residents

for our Ob-Gyn Residency at Parkland Hospital – we should all be proud! Keep 'em coming."

′70

R. Parker Griffith, Huntsville, AL – "Enjoying retirement, farming and fishing. Twelve grandchildren – Learning how to be a doctor was more fun than being one."

′71

John "Chuck" Markey, Friendswood, TX – "Suffered a stroke in 2007 and forced to retire from active surgery due to hemiparesis. Now looking for teaching position. Daughter is junior at LSU Baton Rouge with 3.7 average in Speech Therapy."

Bennie Nobles, Metairie, LA – "Great to see everyone who came to the 40th Reunion! A good time was had by all. Blessings to all."

Meade Phelps, Metairie, LA – "Will celebrate 40th wedding anniversary with wife Peg in May 2012. Two daughters, 4 grandchildren, all in this area. Still in ER at EJGH."

′73

Alan Seyfer, Bethesda, MD – "Still working at the med school (USUHS) and running the gross anatomy course. Glenna still works as an RN at the N.I.H. We're expecting another granddaughter in February 2012."

′76

Floyd Roberts, Baton Rouge, La – Regional Dean, Tulane – School of Medicine satellite campus in Baton Rouge 2010 – current.

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Tiger in the News

Keith A. Bourgeois ('83), an ophthalmologist in private practice, was installed as the 111th president of The Harris County Medical Society (HCMS), the professional society for physicians in Harris County. His practice, Downtown Eye Associates, is limited to diseases and surgery of the retina and vitreous. He has been an active member of St. Joseph Medical Center's staff for more than 20 years. He became a diplomat of the American Board of Ophthalmology in 1988. He is a clinical assistant professor of ophthalmology and visual science at The University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston and at The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.



Dr. Bourgeois

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Nick Arcuri, Laplace, LA – "Still practicing Family Medicine full time in Laplace for 30 years! Wow, how time flies. Hope everyone is well. GEAUX TIGERS!"

′80

Barry Bruggers, Cary, AL – "Still practicing Gyn only, beginning to slow it down. Able to make more

trips back to LA with Josh halfway through LSU and the girls both at Ochsner in New Orleans."

'81

Eric Bloomfield, Rochester, MN – "Hello. Well, we are very busy at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Winter is here! Our critical care group is growing. Finally got married – at the old age of 51 – she is a Missouri Tiger and a Consultant Colon Rectal Surgeon at Mayo. We



Dr. Blalock

Tiger in the News

Anthony P. "Andy" Blalock ('98), a member of the LSU Medical Alumni Association's Board of Directors, recently became President of the Louisiana State Medical Society at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates. He is the youngest physician to serve as president of the Society in its 134-year history. Dr. Blalock is Chief Medical Office at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center and a partner with Acadiana Renal Physicians in Lafayette. Since its inception in 1878, the LSMS has worked for a singular purpose: to advance health care in the state of Louisiana. For more information about LSMS, visit its website at www.lsms.org. have one daughter and two Newfoundlands. Our warm days are spent in Palm Coast, FL. Always pulling for LSU!"

'83

Cheryl Leger Neu, Lafayette, LA – "Going to part-time at end of 2011. Trying to play more golf and travel more."

Wayne Slocum, Tupelo, MS – "Holding down the fort in North Mississippi. I have paid for three Ole Miss Degrees and working on one more (maybe two). My thoughts and prayers go out to all that aren't healthy."

'90

John Martin, Lafayette, LA – "Have four children, ages 6, 2, 2 and one. I have been a contributing editor for Sports Afield magazine this past year. I don't consider myself a runner, but on track to run my first marathon this spring."

'91

Gerardo Arias, Rainbow City, AL – Will be moving back to Louisiana to practice in Thibodaux in the summer of 2012.

′93

Donald Falgoust, Lake Charles, LA – Solo (ophthalmology) practice in Lake Charles, LA, for ten years. "Three teenagers, beautiful wife, and three dogs. Laissez les bon temps rouler! SEEING is believing."

'94

Maria Weimer, Metairie, LA – Promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of Neurology at LSUSOM – NO in July 2011. In Practice at Children's Hospital in New Orleans.

′95

Drew & Beth Clarke, New Iberia, LA – "Watching our kids grow up way too fast! Hope to see the whole class for our 20th year reunion in 2015!"

'03

Katie O'Reilly, Austin, TX – "We have added a son to our family, Daniel Douglas, born July 1, 2011, to join big sister Theresa."

′05

Andrew Foret, Lake Charles, LA – Just moved back to Lake Charles to start Hand Surgery practice. Glad to be back in Louisiana!

Stephen Landreneau, New Orleans, LA – Joined the Medical School faculty – Division of Internal Medicine, Section of Gastroenterology – in July 2011.

'06

Kelly Graham Ural, New Orleans, LA – Graduated from Anesthesia Residency at Ochsner in 2010, then did a cardiac Anesthesia fellowship at Cleveland Clinic. Now staff at Ochsner in Department of Adult Cardiac Anesthesia.

John Nelson, Biloxi, MS – Staff Pathologist at Biloxi Regional Medical Center. "Thank you LSU Pathology for laying the foundation of my knowledge."



Deceased

1944 Elmo J. Cerise

1952 Etienne R. Brown Francis A. Puyau

1954 Alfred G. Weidemann, Jr.

1955 Milburn E. Calhoun Edward G. Long Richard M. Moon

1961 Clement N. Rieffel

1963 Robert E. Ruel

1967 Kathleen T. Dunlap

1968 George R. Hart

1978 David L. Autin



CORRECTION — Lisa Bellard, shown above with **Andre Pete Pinac ('81)** at the Reunion Weekend 2011, was misidentified in the last issue of *Medicinews*. We apologize for the error.

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From your Alumni Office. . .



Dear All,

I am pleased to report that your Alumni Office is keeping busy. Our generous alumni continue to support the School of Medicine with contributions to various professorships, chairs and scholarships. Recently, I was contacted by a family member who wanted to raise funds to start a scholarship in his brother's name, **Mike Wheelis ('87)**, as a celebration of Mike's 50th birthday. What a fabulous way to celebrate the occasion and honor a medical student.

The Alumni Office has been actively involved in support of several medical-student projects, including the Student Run Homeless Clinics, Camp Tiger, Match Day Activities, and an Awards Ceremony for the Rural Track Students.

In many ways, the School of Medicine is stronger than ever, although constant budget threats remain. The quantity and quality of medical school applicants are higher than ever and our students continue to match for residencies at some very prestigious training programs.

Reunion weekend will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9, and will honor the classes of '46, '52, '55, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, and '02. The Scientific Session on June 9 will feature topics eligible for CME. The Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence Banquet will be held on Thursday, June 7.

Our Annual Fall Gala is scheduled for Friday, October 19, 2012, and will be themed "LSU Second Lines to the Super Bowl in New Orleans."

As always, thanks for your support. Please feel free to call or stop by this office when you are in town. I would love to show you around the campus.

Sincerely,

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