On August 31, 2016 our department participated in a community service project at Grace at the Green Light. Led by Dr. Bradley Spieler, our residents arrived at 6:30am at the Central City office to distribute breakfast and water to the homeless community. Grace at the Green Light is a nonprofit organization with an aim of helping the homeless population of our city through delivery of essential items. Their mission is "To offer New Orleans’ homeless persons choices and to provide for their basic needs in a loving manner that embraces the human spirit." Grace at The Green Light hopes to provide essentials to not only help New Orleans homeless, but to show them there are people out there who do care about them. Of the experience, Dr. Spieler commented, "Definitely humbling and great practice for providing customer service. We often don't discuss this, but a lot of what we do during the day through consultation and interaction with our referrers is customer service. Definitely a reminder of how a smile and friendly greeting can go a long way." A huge thanks to Dr. Richard Hartsough, Dr. Dane Mackey, Dr. Bradley Spieler and Dr. Eric Wallace for taking their time to serve the community and represent LSU Radiology. Dr. Spieler will be planning another volunteer day soon so keep an eye out for details.

Pictured at Left (Back Row): Richard Hartsough, George (regular volunteer), Joe (regular volunteer), Eric Wallace, Bradley Spieler, Glenda (cook), Dane Mackey, Lorelei Ashe (regular volunteer) and Catey Spieler.

Pictured at Right: Dr. Wallace and Dr. Mackey.

Pictured at Left: Dr. Spieler and Dr. Wallace.

At left: Dr. Leonard Bok, Dr. Joshua Cooper, Dr. John Sfondouris and Dr. Aran Toshav. At Right: Dr. Leonard Bok, Dr. Cheryl Randal and Dr. Michael Morin.

On Monday, June 13, 2016, the department held the 4th graduation ceremony since restarting the LSU Radiology Residency Program in 2009. The day included an excellent lecture, "Kaposi Sarcoma and HIV: importance of Radiology and Clinical Trials" by Dr. Christopher Parsons, Associate Professor of Medicine and Microbiology at LSU and the Director of the HIV Malignancy Program within the Louisiana Cancer Research Center. Our residents also presented their research and quality improvement projects. Dr. Mark Froom presented “Idiopathic Pulmonary Hemosiderosis.” “Deep Inferior Epigastric Perforator Flap Reconstruction: What does a Plastic Surgeon want from a Radiologist?” was presented by Dr. Ricky Miller. And, Dr. Chuck Nwanze presented, “Improving patient access to MR imaging services: A Quality Improvement Project.” Thanks to Dr. Bradley Spieler for organizing the Research Day. Later that week, on Friday, June 17th, Dr. Aran Toshav and his wife Rebecca Friedman hosted a graduation reception at their home honoring Dr. Cooper, Dr. Sfondouris and Dr. Randal.
At the Radiological Society of Louisiana Annual Spring Meeting on June 4th, Dr. Dane Mackey was elected President of the RSL Resident & Fellow Section of the ACR LA Chapter, Dr. Eric Wallace was elected Vice President and Dr. Chuck Nwanze was elected Secretary.

Dr. Bradley Spieler and Dr. Aran Toshav were both promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor of Clinical Radiology effective July 1st.

Dr. Eric Wallace was elected Co-President of the LSUHSC-New Orleans House Staff Association.

Dr. Bradley Spieler was elected President-Elect of the LSU School of Medicine Faculty Senate. He started serving in this role in July 2016.

Dr. Roque Ferreyro gave three lectures at the Mexican Society of Neuroradiology meeting held July 13-16 in Merida, Yucatan.

Dr. Janis Letourneau was recognized at the LSU School of Medicine General Faculty meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 as Honorary Alumna of the Year.

Dr. Bradley Spieler was invited to join the "Promoting collaborations between radiologists and basic scientists" Radiology Research Alliance Task Force. The task force members work as a team over the course of a year to explore the topic and its impact on our specialty and to write a white paper reviewing their findings and recommendations for publication in Academic Radiology, following external peer review. Task force members also present their findings at the AUR meeting in 2017.

TuVly Nguyen joined the department on October 1st as the Radiology Department Coordinator.

Winter Jeanfreau earned the Academy of Radiology Leadership and Management Certificate of Achievement. Medical imaging professionals can earn a Certificate of Achievement from ARLM by earning 50 education credits - at least 30 credits in person - across a spectrum of core learning domains, including Financial Skills, Human Resources, Professionalism, Legal/Contracting, Academic Mision and General Management.

Dr. Dane Mackey (pictured below left), Dr. Eric Wallace, Dr. Jason Mussell, Dr. Calude Pirtle, Dr. Raman Danrad and Dr. Bradley Spieler (pictured below right) were authors of the poster, "The Social Media Smartphone Learning Experience: Radiology Snap Chat Rapid Recognition" which was presented at the 2016 Teaching Academy Fall Symposium & Educational Scholarship Day on October 18, 2016.

At Right: A welcome get together for the new residents at Fulton Alley on July 7th.

The American Board of Radiology, in conjunction with the American Board of Medical Specialties, has created an Interventional Radiology Integrated Residency. This past Spring, the Department of Radiology at LSUHSC in New Orleans submitted our application for the new IR residency and successfully hosted our initial site visit. This Fall, we became one of 44 programs to be granted an accredited program by the ACGME, joining the 17 programs who were approved in the Spring. In addition, we are one of only two programs to create an Interventional Radiology Residency without an existing Interventional Fellowship and the only program in the state of Louisiana. We are very excited to take our first residents for the new program in the 2017 Match! Our fourth year residents are in the process of completing their mini fellowships in our Department. Starting next July, Dr. Dane (Captain) Mackey will begin a Fellowship in Interventional Radiology at The Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Lawrence Manalo will begin a Fellowship in Breast Imaging at the University of California at San Francisco and Dr. Eric Wallace will start a Fellowship in Musculoskeletal Radiology at the Alabama Sports Medicine Musculoskeletal Fellowship program. Finally, we are very excited to announce that Dr. John Sfondouris was nominated for 2016 Resident of the Year. He is now completing a Neuroradiology Fellowship at the Barrow Institute in Phoenix, Arizona.

At left: Dr. Aran Toshav and Dr. John Sfondouris at the May 27th ceremony.

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