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CHICAGO DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY

YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2003-2004 year was outstanding!

In September, June Robinson, M.D. and her colleagues at Loyola Medical Center presented a melanoma symposium which was very educational and well attended.

In October, we joined with H and H Dermatology Seminars and organized a 4-day joint meeting. On Saturday, the Society presented "State of the Art" lectures. The speakers included Lawrence Eichenfield, M.D., Bernard Ackerman, M.D., William Coleman, M.D., and Victoria Werth, M.D. Douglas Lowy, M.D., gave the Samuel Bluefarb Lecture.

The University of Chicago meeting was held in November. Neil Prose, M.D. presented the Allan Lorincz Lecture. Joseph Jorizzo, M.D. spoke at the University of Illinois meeting in December. The coding meeting was held in January, 2004.

In March, Grant Anhalt, M.D. gave the Samuel Zakon lecture at Cook County Hospital. In a new format under the direction of acting chairman Jerry Feldman, M.D., Dr. Anhalt answered questions presented to him about pemphigus and other bullous disorders. It was an amazing session.

The Silas Wallk Day of Learning was held at Rush in April. The speakers were local departmental chairmen and other national speakers from the Chicago area. Presenters included Anthony Mancini, M.D., Chris Shea, M.D., Michael Tharp, M.D., Iris Aaronson, M.D., Joan Guitart, M.D. and Amy Paller, M.D. Attendees of this meeting uniformly felt the talks were exceptional.

The final meeting of the year was also held at Rush. I gave my presidential speech. I felt that my presentation was the finest year-end presidential talk in the past 12 months. Kim Yancey, M.D. presented the first Frederick Malkinson Lectureship.

In July, we plan to have our annual skin cancer screening at North Avenue Beach. During the year, the Chicago Dermatological Society web site was established at www.chicagoderm.org. The policy regarding lectureships was adopted and the Frederick D. Malkinson Lectureship was established for the May meetings at Rush. Finally, Williams Management Resources was hired as the new administrators. I am sure that Patty and Heidi will help us in whatever endeavor we choose.

Overall, 2003-2004 has been a very active and successful year. I want to thank the officers of the Chicago Dermatological Society, the members of the Plans and Policy Committee, the chairmen and attending and resident staff of the dermatology departments, and the members of the Society for supporting me during my term as president. It has been my great honor to serve this fine organization.

Harry Goldin, M.D.

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AMY PALLER, M.D., NAMED DERMATOLOGY CHAIR AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY



Amy S. Paller, M.D., a Northwestern faculty member since 1988, has been named chair of the Department of Dermatology at the Feinberg School of Medicine and Northwestern Memorial Hospital (NMH), effective February 10, 2004.

In a joint announcement, Lewis Landsberg, M.D., Feinberg School dean and vice president for medical affairs, and Dean Harrison, president and CEO of NMH, commented, "We are delighted that Dr. Paller has accepted this important leadership position and look forward to working with her to build a premier Department of Dermatology at Northwestern."

A native of Cleveland, Dr. Paller holds a BA degree in biology and an MS degree in genetics from Brown University and an MD degree from Stanford University. She completed residencies in pediatrics and dermatology (serving as chief resident) at Northwestern and was a dermatology research fellow at the University of North Carolina. In 1988 Dr. Paller joined the Northwestern faculty as associate professor of pediatrics and dermatology and Children's Memorial Hospital (CMH) as head of the dermatology division. She received tenure in 1994 and was promoted to professor in 1996.

Author of more than 200 journal articles and a member of various editorial boards for journals in her field, Dr. Paller is internationally distinguished for her research in the growth and differentiation of keratinocytes. Her clinical interests include genetic and immune disorders. In her new role as department chair, she plans to continue her research and care for patients at CMH as well as at Glenbrook Hospital, part of Evanston Northwestern Healthcare.

Board certified in dermatology and pediatrics, she has held leadership positions in many professional societies including the American Academy of Dermatology, American Academy of Pediatrics, Society for Investigative Dermatology, and Society for Pediatric Dermatology. She was president of the Chicago Dermatological Society in 2001.

Dr. Paller and her husband, Etahn Cohen, an attorney, live in Wilmette with their sons: Josh, 18, Max, 15, and Ben, 12.

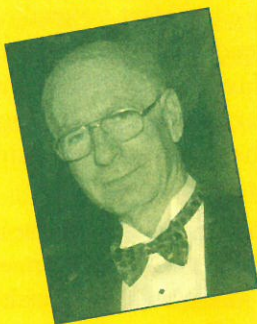
Awards

The Awards Committee of the Society has chosen the recipients of the Practitioner of the Year and the Founders Awards for 2004.

Practitioner of the Year Award

Awarded each year to an individual for exemplary service as a practitioner of dermatology.

Arthur Altman, M.D.



Founders Award

Awarded each year to an individual who has devoted extraordinary time and talent as a teacher and clinician.

Virginia Fiedler, M.D.



ARTHUR ALTMAN, M.D.

I was born May 8, 1937 in New York City to Charles and Rose Altman. My family moved to Chicago in 1940 where I attended Madison and Dixon grammar schools and Hirsch High School on Chicago's south side. I went on to Navy Pier-University of Illinois and then to the University of Illinois Medical School, graduating in 1962. I married Susan Freiman, a medical technologist who had graduated from the University of Michigan. We lived in Milwaukee for a year while I did my internship at Milwaukee County Hospital. Following internship I was assigned to Travis Air Force Base in California for military service until 1965. Our son Jeffrey was born during that wonderful time.

I completed my dermatology residency under Dr. Adolph Rostenberg at the University of Illinois. Dr. Rostenberg accepted me after a simple 45-minute tour of the department and a hand shake. He was a remarkable man. Our second son, David, was born during this time; we were quite a happy young family. I was able to stretch out my income by working at the Chicago Venereal Disease Center and doing insurance physicals on the side. Jeffrey is now my partner and David is a practicing lawyer. They and their families live nearby. We have five wonderful grandchildren.

I opened my practice in Arlington Heights in 1968 in a 525 square foot office with neither a nurse nor a secretary. I saw five patients my first day and made expenses the very first month. There was only one other dermatologist in the area at the time. Susan and I moved to Northbrook in 1970 and our daughter Ruth was born soon after that. Ruth is married and also lives nearby. She is an artist and an art teacher. My practice has moved twice in Arlington Heights, always enlarging. Jeffrey joined me in 1995. We now have a third doctor with us, Michael Bukhalo, M.D., an esthetician, and a physician assistant. We have a very efficient and pleasant office. I served as president of Illinois State Dermatology Society in 1994, and currently serve on the board of trustees of the Noah Worcester Society. I have been active with the Chicago Dermatological Society since 1965.

My hobbies include sculpting in alabaster and wood, gardening, Bonsai trees, movies, theatre, classical music, and travel. We have traveled widely in many countries and most of the states. I decided to partially retire last year. One of the things with which Susan and I have enriched our lives is the Institute for Learning in Retirement at Northwestern University. I strongly recommend such an endeavor to anyone of our age living in the Chicago and suburban area. We are concentrating on music appreciation studies at this time.

I send my feelings of regard and friendship to all my colleagues in dermatology.

Arthur Altman, M.D.

VIRGINIA FIEDLER, M.D.

Dr. Virginia Fiedler grew up in Las Vegas, Nevada. Among her fondest memories of that time are the evenings spent with her family enjoying the beautiful sunsets over mountains followed by the beauty of the star-studded sky. Her menagerie of unusual pets, including frogs, salamanders, and dozens of desert tortoises, which she bred in captivity, kept her fascinated and busy. When she was 12 years old, she met a dermatologist whose enthusiasm for the specialty was so contagious that Virginia realized that dermatology would probably be her niche. As they drove away from the doctor's office that day, Virginia's father pointed to his balding scalp and said that maybe when she grew up she might find something to cure his 'bald spot'!

The Fiedler family moved to Amarillo, Texas where Virginia attended high school. Her parents insisted that she leave most of her menagerie behind; however, she persuaded them to bring ten baby tortoises (two from each of the five litters). During her three years in Texas, not only did the tortoises grow, but so did her interest in science, mathematics, literature (especially poetry), and music. She still cherishes several friendships from that time as well as her love of literature and music. Upon graduation from high school, Virginia entered the Honors Program in Medical Education at Northwestern University. During her undergraduate years, she did research in theoretical chemistry under the mentorship of Professor Frost. During medical school, she did research in dermatology under the mentorship of Ruth Freinkel, M.D. which solidified her desire not only to be a dermatologist but also to pursue a career in academic medicine.

Dr. Fiedler's residency at Northwestern University provided the sound foundation upon which to build an academic career. Each of her teachers, with their unique interests and teaching styles, not only imparted extensive dermatologic knowledge, but also provided invaluable insights into how to teach. Work and learning during those years occupied the majority of her time; however, the ten now fully grown and very large desert tortoises occupied a significant portion of her free time when they joined her in Chicago at the beginning of her residency. Trying to provide the appropriate environment for so many and such large desert creatures in Chicago's climate proved more daunting than learning dermatology. After three years, she counted her residency experience a success, but the attempt to care for the tortoises in an environment so foreign to that which they needed was not a success. Fortunately, friends in Las Vegas found a home for each of the tortoises, and, sadly, Virginia finally had to part with them.

In May, 1977, Virginia called Larry Solomon, M.D. to let him know that she was very pleased to accept a posi-

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NEW ADMINISTRATION FOR CDS

Williams Management Resources, Inc. (WMR) is CDS's new association management firm. Located in Naperville, WMR handles association management services for local, regional, and national associations. They are very pleased to have the opportunity to serve the CDS membership, and would like to take a moment to introduce themselves to us.

HEIDI SWANSON, CDS ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

Heidi Swanson is CDS's Administrative Director and will be working with CDS leadership and members on a daily basis.

Heidi has over twenty years experience in association and client services, sales and marketing, and project development and implementation. She recently coordinated the development and publication of *It's My Heart*, a resource guide for parents of children with congenital heart defects published by The Children's Heart Foundation (CHF). In her work with CHF, Swanson also coordinated the annual grant application process and served in an onsite capacity at CHF's many special events and annual Golf Outing fundraiser. Heidi was also instrumental in the redesign of several association websites, and has handled eMarketing and monthly electronic newsletter and communications.

Prior to joining WMR, Heidi spent four years as the Midwest Regional Account Manager for ADBOX, Inc., where she was responsible for cultivating new business relationships and increased sales to over one million dollars. She has developed creative projects for clients such as Sears, Harley Davidson, General Motors and US Cellular.

JON DANIELS, CDS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Jon Daniels will be handling CDS accounting and financial needs. Jon has over twenty-five years of experience in financial management, with over twenty years specializing in not-for-profits in both captive and multi-management organizations. Jon's previous experience includes ten years as controller of the association management firm P.M. Haeger & Associates. Prior to joining Haeger, he was an audit manager for PriceWaterhouse. Jon is on the faculty of the Keller Graduate School of Management, where he teaches courses in accounting, auditing, finance, budgeting and project cost management. He is an active member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Association Forum of Chicagoland, and the Society of American Baseball Research. He and his wife Marge live on the near north side of Chicago, with easy access to both Wrigley Field and Comiskey Park.

PATTI BARON-WILSON, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EVENTS AND CLIENT SERVICES

Patti Wilson will be supporting the CDS leadership and staff and handling CDS special events and meetings. She has worked extensively in administration, opera-

tions, and meeting planning during her twenty-year career in association management. Patti spent ten years as an account manager at Smith Bucklin & Associates, and has served in executive leadership and management positions with the National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors (NAFED), the Association of Independent Manufacturers Representatives (AIMR), the American Supply Association (ASA) and the US League of Saving Institutions. She is a highly skilled conference and meetings manager, and has the ability to make the events she manages creative, dynamic, and cost-effective.

PAMELA V. WILLIAMS, WMR PRESIDENT

Pam Williams is the President and owner of WMR. She has over twenty years experience in the association management field and has worked with both stand-alone and multi-management firms. Williams has served in management and executive positions with local and national organizations since she joined the professional community in 1979. In addition, Williams spent several years as an account executive and senior staff member at the association management firm P.M. Haeger & Associates.

Williams also has direct personal experience on not-for-profit boards. She is currently Chairman of the Board of the Association Forum of Chicagoland, where she has served as board liaison to the Certified Association Executives, career services, and technology committees, chaired the Forum's finance committee, and served as the association's Secretary-Treasurer.

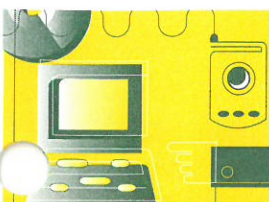
The new CDS staff is anxious to get to meet you and we encourage you to call us with questions or concerns. Please feel free to contact Heidi Swanson, CDS Administrative Director, at 630-416-1166, x29.

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NEW OFFICERS FOR THE CHICAGO DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The following slate of officers has been chosen for 2004-2005:

President.....Stephanie Marschall, M.D.
President-Elect.....Iris Aronson, M.D.
Vice-President.....Julie Moore, M.D.
Secretary.....Jeffrey Altman, M.D.
Treasurer.....Joan Guitart, M.D.



Our Chicago Dermatologic Society website is now up and running.

Go to: www.chicagoderm.org Update your profile.

Username:
Password:

Your user name is: **first initial/last name**

Your password is: **first name**

Once you login, hit: **update your Member profile** at the upper right hand of the screen.

Be sure to change your Username and Password and fill out all of the information requested.

Only limited information is available to the general public. The information seen by the general public are:

OFFICE INFORMATION

| PERSONAL INFO | OFFICE 1 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| First Name: | Address Line 1: |
| Last Name: | Address Line 2: |
| Middle Name: | City: |
| Name Suffix: | State: |
| Class: | Zip Code: |
| Medical Degree: | Telephone: |
| | Fax: |

(There is also a column for OFFICE 2 with the same information as OFFICE 1.)

Only members who login are able to see office email addresses and more personal information such as:

HOME INFORMATION

Address Line 1:
Address Line 2:
City:
State:
Zip Code:
Telephone:
Fax:
Email:
Spouse/Significant Other:

It is important that you fill out your profile completely so that your fellow members are able to contact you. **Only your colleagues in the Chicago Dermatological Society will have access to your personal information.**

MATTHEW HARRIS, M.D.

Dr. Matt Harris was raised as a Hoosier in Indianapolis, Indiana and went to Indiana University for his B.S. degree in biology. After a three-year sojourn scraping by as a professional musician (with his band in the world of rock 'n' roll) he entered medical school at Indiana University. He did his internship at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis, and then his dermatology residency at New York Medical College, graduating in July of 2003.

Matt's wife Diann is a meeting and event planner, and they have recently bought their first home in Oak Park after seven long years of apartment living. Diann is originally from Oak Park, and her persuasiveness allowed the couple to purchase a "fixer-upper" there, with an emphasis on the "fixer." Their only "child" a schipperke (breed of dog) they rescued and named Luke, much prefers having a yard to a 2x2 foot Manhattan studio, although he does miss the excellent and varied street food scraps. Dr. Harris joined Dermatology Associates of Hinsdale, S.C. in July of 2004. He looks forward to a beneficial and productive career in dermatology, and appreciates the educational experiences and community environment that the Chicago Dermatological Society provides.

NEHA ROBINSON, M.D.

Dr. Neha Robinson was born in British Columbia, Canada and raised in Michigan. After high school, she headed down south to the University of Miami for her undergraduate degree. She then graduated from Wayne State University School of Medicine and moved to Chicago where she completed her dermatology residency at Northwestern University. She decided to stay in the heart of Chicago and joined a dermatology practice with Northwestern Memorial Physicians Group. She enjoys frequenting Chicago's many eateries and spending time with her family, which consists of her entertaining husband and energetic 18 month-old son. Travel, although currently quite difficult, is also a favorite pastime.

MEYER HORN, M.D.

Dr. Meyer Horn considers Memphis, Tennessee to be his true home, even though he has lived in Chicago for six years. This is about as long as he has lived anywhere. His father's career in academic cardiology led his family through many residence changes: Virginia, Alabama, Massachusetts, and Tennessee. He set off for the University of Texas in Austin, where he studied humanities and played drums in the jazz band. After graduating from the University of Tennessee Medical School, he came to the University of Chicago for his internal medicine internship. It was there that he spotted his wife, Keren, for the first time. He moved from the University of Chicago to Northwestern University to pursue a one-year Dermatology Clinical Trials Fellowship with Kenneth Gordon, M.D. and Dennis West, Pharm. D. He completed

his dermatology residency at Northwestern in 2003.

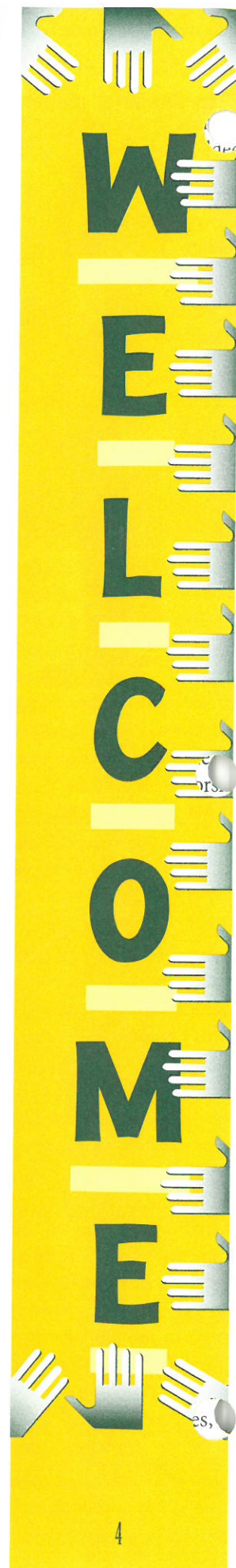
Meyer and Keren were married in May 2002. Keren is the upcoming Chief Resident in Dermatology at Northwestern University. The dermatology gene must be a strong one in Meyer's family as his older sister, Helen Fincher, is a dermatology faculty member at Stanford and her husband, Edgar Fincher, will be Ron Moy's MOHS fellow next year. Upon finishing his training Meyer started working for Northwestern Memorial Physicians Group. He says "Dermatology is challenging, rewarding, and fast paced. At the end of the day, there is nothing like coming home and preparing a great meal with Keren while discussing the talents of our favorite musical artists or the management of severe skin diseases."

VESNA PETRONIC-ROSIC, M.D.

Dr. Vesna Petronic-Rosic was born and raised in Belgrade, Serbia where she attended the University of Belgrade School of Medicine, graduating in 1989. After completing a medical internship, and a dermatovenereology residency at the University of Belgrade, she trained in dermatopathology, and for her last three years in Belgrade provided dermatopathology services for her hospital. She was very active in the Yugoslav Association of Dermatology and Venereology and helped organize the XVI Congress of Dermatology. This gave her the opportunity to meet famous European and American dermatologists such as: Stefania Jablonska, Andreas Katsambas, Nikolai Tsankov and Robert Clark. In 1997, she received the International Society of Dermatopathology Scholarship Award, which allowed her to train in dermatopathology with A. Bernard Ackerman, M.D. in Philadelphia.

After much deliberation, Vesna decided to bring her husband and two children to the United States, to Johnstown, Pennsylvania in 1999. She completed a transitional internship at Conemaugh Valley Medical Center and a residency in dermatology and cutaneous biology at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. She decided to pursue an accredited dermatopathology fellowship at the University of Chicago. She has found the University of Chicago to be very nurturing and supportive and has decided to stay on as Assistant Professor of Dermatology after her fellowship.

Vesna has authored and co-authored one book, 14 chapters in textbooks, 3 review articles, 11 peer-reviewed journal articles, and over 50 abstracts. Her areas of special interest include pigmented skin lesions, autoimmune diseases of the skin, and cutaneous T-cell lymphomas. She is extremely proud of her two children: Ana (10) and Andrej (13), both of whom love music, movies, sports, and the arts. In her spare time, she loves to go to the opera, theater, and watch movies. Most of all, Vesna and her family love to travel, hoping to see many more of the wonders this world has to offer.



In Passing



JAMES B. HOWELL, M.D. (1914-2003)

James B. Howell, M.D. was born on September 9, 1914 in Winnsboro, Texas. He received his B.A. degree from Baylor University and his M.D. degree from the Baylor University College of Medicine. Following graduation, he served his internship at the Baylor Hospital in Houston, Texas. Becoming interested in dermatology, he then completed a preceptorship with Bedford Shelmire, M.D. and worked at the Dermatology and Syphilology Outpatient Clinic at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. His dermatological training continued at the New York Skin and Cancer Unit where he worked as a trainee with Marion Sulzberger, M.D. and Rudy Baer, M.D. Later he worked in the office of Clark Finnerud, M.D. in Chicago, and at the Mayo Clinic.

In 1946 Dr. Howell returned to Dallas to begin his private practice of dermatology. At that time there were no departments of dermatology in Texas. For this reason and from his experience in Chicago, Dr. Howell became a member of the Chicago Dermatological Society in 1951. He joined the list of non-resident dermatologists who were active members and who strongly supported the Society. Dr. Howell traveled regularly, often by train, from Dallas to Chicago to attend meetings. In recognition of his devotion to the CDS he was elected vice president in 1969. Dr. Howell attended the CDS Centennial Meeting in 2001 at the age of 87.

Dr. Howell published sixty scientific articles including the original one on the basal cell nevus syndrome with Marcus Caro, M.D. The Dallas Dermatological Society was founded by Dr. Howell. He twice served on the American Academy of Dermatology Board of Directors. AAD Honorary Membership was bestowed on Dr. Howell in 1991. He also was vice president and president of the Texas Dermatological Society and vice chairman of the Section on Dermatology of the Southern Medical Society. He served as ADA vice president in 1978 and as president in 1979.

Dr. Howell's concern for the patient was seen in his long time interest in preventive dermatology. He organized and chaired the AAD's Forum on the Challenge of Preventative Dermatology from 1984-1985 and the Preventative Task Force from 1984-1987. This group launched and promoted the melanoma/skin cancer detection and prevention projects, the melanoma education for the public, and physicians to reduce mortality through recognition and removal of early curable melanomas. This is now an annual project of the Academy.

Dr. Howell's numerous awards and honors include Practitioner of the Year of the Dermatology Foundation in 1987, Master of Dermatology Award in 1966, the AAD's Gold Triangle Award in 1996 and the American Skin Association's Skin Cancer Research Achievement Award in 1999. Dr. Howell died November 28, 2003. He will be missed by all of dermatology.

Marshall Blankenship, M.D.

SIDNEY KAPLAN, M.D. (1908 -2004)

On February 25, 2004, Dr. Sidney Joseph Kaplan died at the age of 86. I had the good fortune to have practiced medicine with him for three decades. In addition to our association, we were also friends. Besides being an excellent practitioner of dermatology, he was the most gifted, most well-rounded person I have ever known. He loved medicine, music, art, theater, and literature. Before medical school he studied at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. His drawing skills were so refined that he had an offer to work for the Walt Disney Studios. His first interest in medicine was in the field of pathology, but because he was such a people person, he switched to dermatology.

Sid was a reserve officer in WWII and was stationed in North Africa with the 760th tank battalion. Though he was (at the time) the ranking medical officer in North Africa and was assigned to a general's staff, he chose to forego the comfort and safety of the general's headquarters to return to his unit and pursue Rommel across North Africa. Later, his was the first American unit to enter Rome. The 760th saw more time in combat than any other unit in WWII. He ended his military service as a Major.

Sid had many accomplishments: teaching at two medical schools, president of the Lake County Medical Society, president of Victory Memorial Hospital in Waukegan, and Practitioner of the Year bestowed upon him from the Chicago Dermatological Society. He served on the boards of the North Shore Art League and the Grove School. In dermatology, I know of no one who was better in the field of industrial dermatology. Sid visited every factory and plant in the Waukegan area – a small city with varied types of manufacturing. When a patient came to the office he knew exactly what the job entailed and the industrial agents to which the patient was exposed.

Sid was a true whirlwind; attending performances of the various arts weekly, hosting dinner parties, playing tennis 2-3 times weekly, and traveling to the four corners of the earth. He set a pace that was impossible to keep up with. He was very supportive of theatre groups. When Steppenwolf was in its infancy, he hosted parties in his home to raise funds for the fledgling ensemble.

Sid had an extensive art collection, primarily in prints. Recently, he and his wife Vivian donated a significant portion of their collection to the Mary-Leigh Block Gallery on the Northwestern University Campus in Evanston. Sid had a remarkable intellect, a keen memory and was a wonderful storyteller. But he was never boastful or pedantic. I'm sure that very few of you, if any, know that he was the inventor of the egg crate foam pad, the device that has helped innumerable subjects. He was a man of many facets – a renaissance man.

Sam Solomon, M.D.

MIDWEST CLINICAL CONFERENCE

On Friday afternoon, March 26, 2003, the Chicago Dermatological Society again participated in the Annual Midwest Clinical Conference. Clarence W. Brown, M.D. who also presented an update of non-melanoma skin cancer, chaired the symposium. His presentation included discussion of both basal and squamous cell carcinomas, treatment options, and indications for MOHS surgery. Also discussed was an update on the use of Imiquimod in the treatment of actinic keratoses and basal cell carcinomas. Carolyn Jacob, M.D. was our second presenter. Her presentation included a comprehensive and practical review of both acne vulgaris and acne rosacea. She discussed the etiologies and the varying presentations of these and similar conditions, as well as treatment algorithms.

Our third presenter was Brooke Jackson, M.D. who discussed issues related to the evaluation and treatment of ethnic skin and people of color. Her discussion included a review of dyschromias, aging skin, acne scarring, and the use of lasers and other surgical modalities in the treatment of these conditions. The final presenter of the afternoon was Arthur Rhodes, M.D. who gave an excellent, insightful, and comprehensive presentation on issues related to melanoma of the skin. Slides showing the various clinical appearances of melanoma were presented followed by a thorough discussion of the independent predictors and risk factors for melanoma. Issues related to sun exposure and melanomas, and the public health message being conveyed to the population were also discussed.

Approximately 50 physicians attended the symposium. I want to thank all the presenters who generously donated time in preparing and presenting their talks. A special thanks to Dr. Arthur Rhodes whose presentation was delayed by the inadequate amount of time allocated to the symposium. Despite the late hour, all attendees remained and truly enjoyed and learned much from the presentations.

Jeffrey Karaban, M.D.

CHICAGO DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY SCIENTIFIC AWARDS 2004

The scientific committee of the CDS has chosen the research proposal of Eva Rawlings Parker, M.D. for an award grant this year: "Expression of cadherin-related molecules in oral squamous cell carcinomas before and after treatment with epidermal growth factor receptor inhibitors."

Dr. Parker is a dermatology resident at Northwestern University. She will collaborate with Kathleen Green Ph.D., who holds appointments in both the dermatology and pathology departments at Northwestern. Amy Paller M.D. will serve as sponsoring preceptor. Congratulations, Dr. Parker.

Mark Hoffman, M.D.
Chairman, Scientific Committee

PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS

Marianne O'Donoghue, M.D. and James Ertle, M.D. both received Presidential Citations at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology in Washington, D.C. in 2004. Marianne received her award for her work on a course on Cutaneous Immune Disease co-sponsored by the AAD and American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. Jim received his for work as Vice-Chair of the ad hoc Task Force on Skin Care in Developing Countries.

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tion as Assistant Professor of Dermatology at the University of Illinois. As she began her academic career, Virginia had absolutely no interest in hair; her longstanding interest was immunologically mediated skin disease. Her observations on the effects of topical minoxidil in alopecia areata heralded what has become an absorbing and sustained interest in hair, the effects of inflammation on hair growth, and various treatment modalities for hair loss disorders.

Virginia joined The Upjohn Company from 1988 to 1990. She found that she missed day to day teaching, and she decided to return to academics. She joined the faculty at Northwestern University as Professor of Dermatology in July, 1990. In October, 1991, she returned to UIC as Professor and Associate Head of Dermatology.

Dr. Fiedler was appointed Head of Dermatology at UIC in June of 1995. Being Department Head was certainly an honor and a privilege, but it was also a major juggling act to coordinate those responsibilities along with clinical research, a busy clinical practice, teaching, and rearing her young daughter, Kathryn.

After 8½ years as department head, Dr. Fiedler decided to 'retire' from some of her responsibilities. As Professor Emerita, she is looking forward to continued teaching and collaborative research in the Department of Dermatology at UIC. She is happily settling into an office in Wilmette two minutes from home, where she continues to see patients with hair loss disorders. She is grateful to have more time with Kathryn, who is also a great animal lover and who aspires to be a veterinarian. Kathryn recently decided that her mom 'needed a turtle', and presented her with a Russian tortoise, a small creature that resembles his bigger cousins but is small enough to live indoors comfortably year round.

Dr. Fiedler counts herself most fortunate to have had wonderful teachers and colleagues, the opportunity to have had such varied career opportunities, an abiding interest in and enthusiasm for her work, the opportunity to continue to learn something new each day, and above all, the joy of a close family and friends.

Mark Gendleman, M.D.

2004-2005 Meeting Schedule

October 20, 2004

*Northwestern University
Thomas Kupper, M.D.*

November 17, 2004

*University of Chicago
Peter Heald, M.D.*

December 8, 2004

*University of Illinois
Stephen Katz, M.D.*

Jan. 19, 2005

Coding Seminar

February 18-22, 2005

*American Academy of
Dermatology
New Orleans, LA*

March 16, 2005

*Cook County Hospital
Jeffrey Dover, M.D.*

April 20, 2005

Seminars

May 18, 2005

Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's

