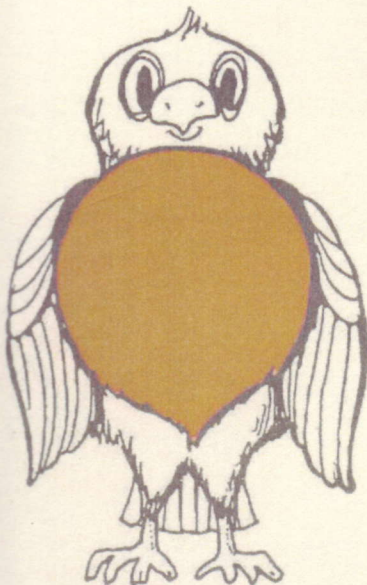
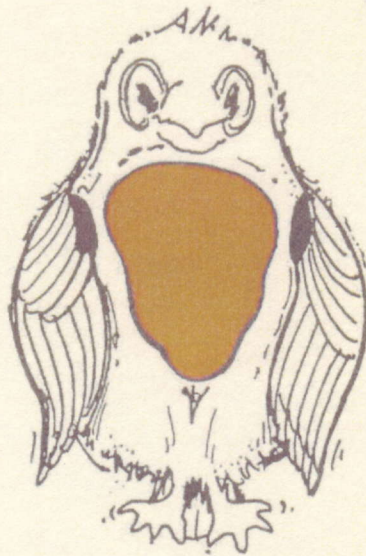
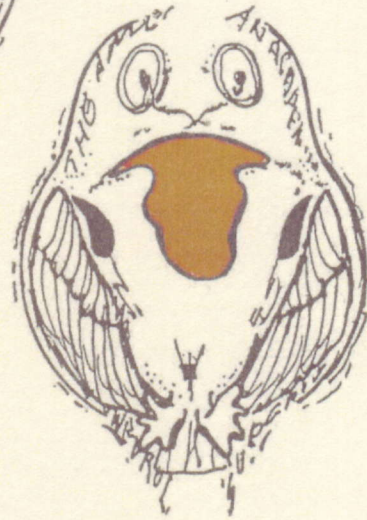
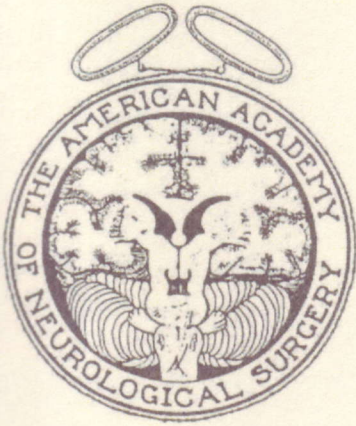


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Re: Round Robin Letter

My Fellow Academicians,

Our lives continue to be in a state of much transition. Holley spends more time painting impressionistic portraits, landscapes and still lifes. She is more prolific now that Bond is in school later in the day. She works with two groups of artist friends and a mentor. Eben IV spent the first trimester of his junior year at Proctor Academy "On Ocean", sailing a schooner from Gloucester, MA to San Juan, PR over two months. He learned a lot about sailing large ships, not to mention what he gained from his courses in marine biology, maritime literature and history, and navigational mathematics. I met him in San Juan, and we went SCUBA diving together off the volcanic island of Saba in the Dutch Antilles. He is just now starting to look at colleges. It is very exciting, but it's hard to believe he has reached this stage in his life. Bond is a rising second grader at Charles River School in Dover, MA. He enjoys all sports, martial arts, playing the cello and dancing. Bond and Eben are happiest when they are together.

I am between jobs, having recently evaluated clinical neurosurgical positions in New Hampshire and North Carolina. The malpractice crisis in Massachusetts has tainted the environment there so that I am no longer pursuing clinical neurosurgical options in that state. Other states without tort reform offer similar challenges due to the cost of malpractice coverage. A single malpractice case concerning lumbosacral nerve root dysfunction for which the patient had signed informed consent, settled pretrial by the insurer, has wreaked havoc with my malpractice premium, since I am seeking coverage from a new insurer during a job transition. It is no wonder so many neurosurgeons have chosen to exit some states, and even the profession. As much as I have enjoyed academic neurosurgery, first at the Brigham & Women's and Children's Hospitals in Boston, then at the University of Massachusetts in Worcester, untoward events at UMass (related to Dr. Dana Andersen, the former short term Chief of the Department of Surgery there) have repositioned my attitude toward further academic pursuits.

In addition to exploring private practice jobs, I am also investigating the position of Associate Medical Director of Neuroscience at Boston Scientific, Inc., based in Natick, Massachusetts. Boston Scientific has been successful in providing the Taxus coronary

stent system to invasive cardiologists, and hopes to also succeed with the Neuroform2 cerebrovascular stent system (used to complement the GDC [Guglielmi] aneurysm coils). With Boston Scientific, I would work out of Massachusetts and the Bay Area in California to devise other product lines and set up and monitor clinical trials for various minimally invasive technologies in neurosurgery. Working with a fiscally sound organization would be a welcome change from my recent neurosurgical position. Avoiding the high cost of malpractice coverage would be a distinct advantage. The position would give me the pleasure of continuing to help neurosurgical patients worldwide, especially in the realm of minimally invasive techniques. Clearly I would miss the direct patient care and the rewarding times in the Operating Room. If you know of any neurosurgery positions to which I could offer my areas of expertise, please let me know.

With exciting new prospects to consider in the upcoming months, our attendance at the meeting in Half Moon Bay is uncertain. If we are not able to join you, Holley and I send our best wishes to each of you. In the event of a conflict this September, we hope to reconvene at the next meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Academician,

After four years with a number of health problems I can say that things seem to be stable and improving thanks to multiple factors including a change in climate.

Since I do not believe in retirement I have been involved in a number of new careers. With the support of Neil Martin, I have joined the faculty of UCLA neurosurgery and am contributing clinically, administratively and surgically. I continue to edit SURGICAL NEUROLOGY, which is now publishing supplements from countries around the world increasing the number of issues we publish each year. I am traveling around the US as a consultant to the Navigant Consulting Company (which bought The Tiber Group with which I was first associated). The Hunter Group, which has helped many hospitals, is also apart of Navigant. This is a terrific experience as I see healthcare from all perspectives and provide assurance to neurosurgeons and other physicians that the physicians' point of view will be understood. I have my own consulting group, which advises physicians how to negotiate for new positions and arrangements. I am providing services to AMC's as a defense witness in their malpractice cases. When I was a Chairman it was not easy to find people who understood academia and would defend what we did. I am still doing my weekly TV segment on health subjects in the news. This work forces me to read about many wide-ranging medical subjects to present to the public. I also am on the Board of Directors of a biotechnology company that has grown 2000% in the last 3 years. This exposure to business gives me a broader perspective on all the work that I do. The transition to a new phase of life provides me with the freedom and independence to do what I like without the constraints of the day to day responsibility of heading a department or working in and with bureaucracies as I did for 25 years. Also with the changes in healthcare financing and regulations, this career move came at the right time.

The breadth of these activities from the details of science, to medicine, business, consulting, editing and television is challenging and fun. I read a great deal to keep abreast of these areas the best I can. The changes in science that are influencing medicine are staggering. Many of the diseases we learned about in medical school, and did not have time to follow with the demands of neurosurgery I find are now being solved with genetic and molecular understanding. Neurological diseases, cancer, autoimmune disease and many more are being solved. From my perspective I see that neurosurgery will change dramatically as will medicine in the future.

The issue of concern is that physicians are not active in the politics of medicine. Physicians are reactive and not proactive. Others are deciding the future course of medicine not doctors. Physicians are left to pick up the pieces. Also physicians do not realize that there is a tremendous public relations campaign to discredit the profession by the politicians and the media. I am not implying, yet, that this program is purposely orchestrated, but it fits the agenda of those who would like to see government-controlled healthcare as the solution to the health problems in the USA. Have you ever seen a headline that says how many lives doctors save each day? Why not? We are told that there are 45 million uninsured and that doctors make 98,000 errors each year resulting in patient deaths. If you research these figures you will find that they are exaggerated but remain unchallenged by physicians. Why is this happening? Who will benefit from this misinformation campaign? Not the doctors or the patients; then, Why? One of the major problems facing the USA in the future is the healthcare crisis. Physicians are needed to solve this problem not bureaucrats who are self serving. One of the ideas I am considering is running for Congress.

We have traveled to China four times in the last 16 months for lectures and teaching, also to Brazil and Morocco. Carolyn is starting her own business and is doing well. More about that next year.

Our youngest daughter, Susan, has moved to the desert and has a position in a growing law firm there. The valley where we live is growing at the rate of 53 families a day and in 15 years the population will double. We are not anxious to see that and have a get away home in the mountains 45 minutes from the desert in a small community of a few hundred people. Recent studies show that Americans are moving out of the cities while they remain connected to everywhere via the Internet and phone. That is what we have done on a part time basis.

Hope to be at the AANS with you, but it is a meeting sandwiched in between trips to China and Brazil.

Cheers,

The Ausmans





July 5, 2005

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Fellow Academicians:

The Awad clan missed the Round Robin contribution last year, and the meeting with German colleagues. We were in midst of relocating the family, after my move to Northwestern the previous year. We've been enjoying Hunt Batjer's fantastic collegiality and the warmth, engagement and generosity of his truly incredible "family" of 22 neurosurgeons. Academic life is about building bridges, and about broad perspective and impact. It had been a long time, since leaving Yale a few years ago, since we've savored such a privileged milieu, and we're loving it.

First and foremost, we embraced the task of clinical program development at the Evanston campus, where the neurosurgery service had achieved a recognized brand of uncompromising quality during four decades under Ivan Ciric's leadership. In less than two years, we've already consolidated the neurovascular service at Evanston-- including a dedicated subspecialty call, an expanded endovascular team and a coalesced comprehensive stroke program and neurocritical care service. We've led a multidisciplinary taskforce that successfully launched stereotactic radiosurgery on site, and secured the acquisition of advanced shaped beam program including extracranial radiosurgery. Under Ivan's warm stewardship, we've been introduced to a wonderful community of Chicago's Northshore and Lake County, raising the bar for clinical excellence and service to this region's families and referring physicians. We often joke, when facing a discriminating patient, that they can benefit from a combined half a century of superlative experience and expertise, just by asking Hunt or Ivan for input into their care.

On the research front, it has been a privilege to work with Hunt on formulating a research strategic plan and cataloguing the Department's research programs and activities ([www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/neurosurgery/research](http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/neurosurgery/research)). We're assisting each of our diverse and talented faculty with space and funding strategy for their own research, and we've launched an ambitious initiative for translational research program development with Northwestern's Department of Biomedical Engineering (a true powerhouse of talent in material science, drug delivery, molecular imaging and nanotechnology) by pairing junior neurosurgery faculty with a bioengineering colleague. My own laboratory is serving as a new core facility, for faculty and residents to leverage expertise in molecular biology, genomics and imaging of cerebrovascular disease.

Regarding my own research, we've relocated my laboratory and NIH grant to Evanston, and secured competitive pilot grants for developing novel collaborations at the new site, tackling immune mechanisms and advanced imaging of cerebrovascular malformations. We've refocused new aims to take advantage of the powerhouse of relevant expertise at Northwestern in immunobiology, advanced magnetic resonance techniques and molecular imaging, We're maintaining collaborations with scientists in Colorado for genotyping of cavernous malformations and with the patient support group Angioma Alliance ([www.angiomaalliance.org](http://www.angiomaalliance.org)) for dissemination of knowledge on this disease. And we're

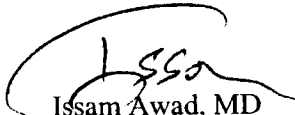
continuing clinical research on thrombolytic aspiration for cerebral and intraventricular hemorrhage, complementing our very busy practice in hemorrhagic stroke.

In education, it has been a true joy to embrace the task of science training and academic career development for Northwestern's residents and fellows. We've integrated research curriculum objectives into the residency's educational training curriculum, with a track for the career development of neurosurgeon-scientists, and another for research training in conjunction with infolded subspecialty electives. It has been a wonderful opportunity to mentor and train the Northwestern residents during their Evanston rotations. The Evanston skull base dissection laboratory remains an immense resource for our trainees. We've secured new funding to integrate image guidance and endoscopy resources in that laboratory, and we've integrated dissection and simulation exercises into our academic day activities at Evanston.

Cathy and Armand remain my strongest source of inspiration and affection. They've established a wonderful new home in Chicago's Northshore, helped get the Kayak back down to the beach, launched a new routine of biking to work and school, and connected with the local church. This year, Cathy and I celebrated our twentieth anniversary, and Armand his fifteenth birthday. Cathy has resumed her nursing career at Evanston Northwestern's hospital in Highland Park, and Armand is excelling at New Trier, with honors in science and continued interests in French. He is enjoying continued training in cello at the Institute of Music and is the new first cellist in his High School's orchestra. Family travel remains one of our favorite activities, including trips with Armand to Lebanon, South America, and Christmas and spring breaks with his grandparents in Florida.

In reflection on some of the painful moments preceding our relocation to Chicago, we've learned that the most difficult challenges are part of our calling to define ourselves and to emerge with a new focus and dignity. Frederic Remington, the famous painter and sculptor of the American West, is said to have written kiddingly about a proper Western story: "Put every person on horseback and let the blood be half a foot deep. Be very profane and have plenty of shooting. No episode must occur in the dark". He also commented that "the cowmen of the West were good friends and virulent haters" (1). The Awards certainly witnessed such a Western story, we survived it, and Armand can now relate to Kipling's oratory in "*If*", about the rites of passage to manhood... (2)

Looking forward to a wonderful reunion with Academicians at Half Moon Bay.



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July 2, 2005

Dear Fellow Academy members,

This has been a satisfying year both professionally and personally. This was my second year as Residency Program Director. We continue to face the challenges of preserving the academic process in 80-hour workweeks. I continue to be encouraged by the number and quality of the people interested in pursuing careers in neurosurgery. My practice has seen growth in all of my academically related areas: epilepsy, peripheral nerve, and pain (especially trigeminal neuralgia). My funded project on radiosurgical treatment of temporal lobe epilepsy is about to reach the two-year follow-up benchmark for all patients. Based on the preliminary results of this pilot study, we will be submitting a proposal for a Phase 3 trial comparing radiosurgery with temporal lobectomy. My work on the NINDS Clinical Trials Study Section has been enlightening. I am currently working as advisor to several other neurosurgeons in planning important clinical trials. The Epilepsy Research Laboratory has been extraordinarily productive, with projects on developmental epilepsy, zebra fish and stem cells. The human tissue project has provided new insights into mechanisms of epilepsy in focal cortical dysplasia.

My family is also thriving. Sue Ellen has transitioned from teaching science into teaching piano in after-school programs and privately. She enjoys singing in an a cappella group. She is also active in the nonprofit community, acting as a mentor to elementary school students and delivering Meals on Wheels to homebound seniors. My oldest, Eva, is halfway through her course at the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco. She will do her externship in early 2006. We have already benefited from her culinary skills with some great meals. My son, Michael, finished his freshman year at Carnegie Mellon University. This year he will return as a member of the football team. Monica will enter her junior year in high school and continues to develop into a fantastic ballet dancer. She was Principal Flower in the Nutcracker for our local dance company's Christmas show. Once again, there was not enough time for fly fishing although Mike and I fished the Green and North Platte Rivers as we drove across country together getting him to college.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at this year's meeting in Half Moon Bay - a short drive for me

  
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Dear Ralph:

The Black family has had a wonderful year. Katharine's last interim posting was in an African/American Episcopal Church in South Boston. She sits on the equivalent of the ABNS for the Episcopal Church and spends considerable time in examinations. Presently, she continues to function as an interim rector and also has taken up vigorous exercising.

Among our children, Dia continues to do work for Advamed, a company that is involved in setting regulations for industrial support of surgical and other initiatives. Katy is finishing her residency at the Brigham in medicine and will do pulmonology at Hopkins. Libby is a junior worker in the law firm Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr, and finds the work at least as hard as medical internship. Peter Thomas is a "cool hunter" in Shanghai, and was recently written up in *Time Asia* for his work defining new trends in Chinese marketing. Christopher is working on his linguistic skills.

I continue as Chair of the Departments of the Brigham and the Children's Hospitals. Recently there have been several challenging initiatives: the new Dana-Farber Brigham Women's Cancer Center, the search for a new spine center leader, and the development of a Neuroscience Institute at Brigham and Women's Hospital. These, patients, and laboratory, keep me off the streets.

We wish all Academicians well and look forward to seeing you in California.

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July 5, 2005

Dear Academicians:

Susan and I send greetings to all and look forward to seeing you in Half Moon Bay in September. The meeting and the setting should be terrific.

This has been another busy year in the Borges household. Our twin daughters have each earned additional degrees. Elizabeth earned her M.D. from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in June and began there as a resident in pediatrics in July. She is loving her first rotation in the nursery which is of course where pediatrics begins. Elizabeth greeted us with additional exciting news by becoming engaged to her boyfriend Eric on Cuttyhunk Island while vacationing recently in Massachusetts. Eric is an attorney in Chicago who we hope will begin studying for the Massachusetts Bar. After spending three years as an on-air news reporter with two different CBS affiliates in Iowa, her twin sister Allison moved to Chicago one year ago to pursue a Masters in journalism. She recently also completed her degree and is now working for Harpo Studios in Chicago. She continues to be undecided about whether or not to return to on-air news reporting. Larry Jr., who graduated from Harvard College one year ago, recently completed one year as a research associate in the endocrine unit at Massachusetts General Hospital. He and two friends are now driving across country to Los Angeles where he will begin medical school at the University of Southern California in August. His current stated interest is infectious diseases. His younger brother, Fred, recently completed his freshman year at Tufts University which he enjoyed greatly. He hopes to major international relations and was fortunate to play on the lacrosse team this spring. He is currently the head sailing instructor at the Winchester boat club. Susan continues to enjoy working at the Muraco elementary school as a reading specialist. Their program for reading intervention beginning at the kindergarten level appears to be paying substantial dividends by improving the reading scores in the Massachusetts standardized reading tests. Work at the Massachusetts General Hospital continues to tick along. We are fortunate in having a terrific staff guided by Bob Martuza. The practice of spinal surgery continues to evolve in exciting and challenging ways. Resident education has become an additional challenge and opportunity as surgical contact hours are decreased by the 80 hour work week.

We hope this brief greeting finds you well and look forward to seeing you in September.

Best regards,

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Dear Fellow Academicians:

The last twelve months here at Wake Forest have been eventful. We have experienced the highs and lows of life and continue to thrive.

We were all saddened at the death of Eben Alexander in November. He was known and loved by all of us in Neurosurgery and by his colleagues and patients around the world. He left a legacy, not only here at Wake Forest, but an indelible mark on neurosurgery as a profession. He will be missed. The sadness of this event had barely subsided when another death clouded our lives. Mike McWhorter succumbed to a metastatic cancer after a long and tough battle. Mike and Barbara were special members of our department for many years and, while he had transitioned to a community practice in the last few years, their family was still very close to us and Mike will be missed as well.

The year also marked David Kelly's 70<sup>th</sup> year and the transition from an active clinical practice to a senior status in the department. He has also been a pillar of our department and we look forward to his continuing in an educational and limited clinical role.

One of the great joys this past year involved the initiation and development of our Brain Tumor Center of Excellence. Dr. Waldemar Debinski was recruited and began his work in April 2004. In the ensuing 12 months, he has grown the brain tumor effort into a flagship here at the university which is being held as a model for other to follow. We look forward to continued accomplishment in partnership with Steve Tatter and Tom Ellis, who have continued to grow the clinical trials component of our brain tumor research effort here.

The department had the privilege and pleasure of hosting the Society of University Neurosurgeons annual meeting and celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This event was enhanced with the presence of several of the charter or founding members of this society and Lesa and I had the special privilege of having my father and mother, Charles and Sylvia, who were founding members of this society.

*Wake Forest University Health Sciences  
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Fellow Academicians

June 29, 2005

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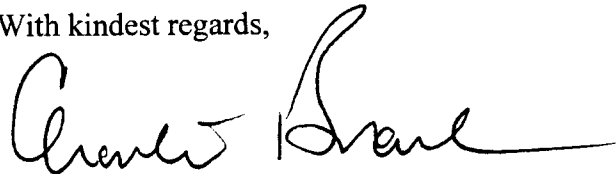
On a more personal note, Lesa and I continue to enjoy helping and watching our family grow. Our oldest son, Byron, completed his Master's degree at Texas A&M and will return to Wake Forest to begin medical school in the fall of 2005. Daniel is in active pursuit of a career in molecular medicine and brain tumor research. Leslie completed her year of study abroad in Heidelberg at Pepperdine University's program there. We still enjoy two teenage daughters at home, Emily and Courtney, who are active in tennis, track, basketball and shopping. Lesa continues to enjoy raising her miniature horse herd and this has been a great source of enjoyment for the entire family but, occasionally, bumps and bruises for her. She also assumed the presidency of the Medical Guild of Wake Forest medical auxiliary that gives her ample opportunity to interact with many of the faculty spouses here. She also helps direct a conservation project that we are pursuing on our farm and we hope to have a lake completed in the near future.

The training program here continues to thrive with outstanding faculty and residents. The program was approved for two residents per year and we look forward to the opportunity to increase the number of quality trainees finishing here at Wake Forest.

I continue to be blessed with the opportunity to participate in many areas of our profession and was appointed as the Editor-in-Chief of The Spine Journal, the official journal of the North American Spine Society. I was also honored with an appointment to the American Board of Neurological Surgery.

Lesa and I both have very pleasant memories of the Academy meeting in Germany last fall. It was a very special event for many there and we were enriched by the experience. We look forward to being with all of you in California in September.

With kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles L. Branch, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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*Dear Fellow Academicians!*

Dear Fellow Academicians:

Very much to our regret, Christina and I will be unable to attend the Academy Meeting in Half Moon Bay this year. We are perfectly aware of the fact that we are missing a great party with many, many good friends!

As responsible for the photo album of the German Academy of Neurosurgery, I am still in the process of selecting among the many hundred pictures of the unforgettable Dresden Convention taken by the "official" photographer and put at the disposal of the homepage by Gaby Schackert. Many pictures are already included, and you may like to visit

**[www.danc.de](http://www.danc.de)**

to see them.

The reason for not being able to attend the September Convention is, among others, the complicated situation at the University in Berlin, where serious economic constrains are leading to the dismissal of medical personnel. Under these circumstances I consider it my duty to remain available so as to be able to react promptly to the new situations generated day by day.

Despite all difficulties, the past year has been a pleasant and successful one. Thank God, Christina and I remain healthy and happy. The search committee for my succession has been appointed. I am supposed to retire at the end of March 2007. The plans are to start a ship tour around the world the very day following my retirement. Thereafter I might start a study of archaeology or dedicate to publishing either historical vignettes on Neurosurgery and/or articles on my unique collection of ancient beer glasses (Potsdamer Bierstangen) of the region of Berlin.

Christina and I wish all of you a pleasant convention and ongoing health and happiness!

*With kindest personal regards!*

*Christina and Mario Brock*



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The main event of 2003 has been the interim meeting of the WFNS in Lisbon where I have been nominated President elect of the World Federation of Neurological Societies. As a neurosurgeon, I felt this election as an achievement of my carrier and, also, a great responsibility. I thought than 2004 could not bring me more. I was wrong. 2004 was a special year with bad and good news.

First the bad news. Our cat, Dundee died in August 2004 and we still miss it at home. I will never have the opportunity to add his name to one of my publication anymore. He stays in our heart and we haven't been able to replace him.

Now, the good news. All my family is fine and as usual they have helped me in all the events happening in my life, almost in the most unbelievable one which happened in June 2004. Le Liberal Party asked me to join the campaign for the election to be hold in Belgium in June. They have insisted on the fact that I could work on ethics, health and research either at the European Parliament or at the Belgian Senate. It was a challenge and I was sure that I would not be elected because I never did politics before. Moreover, I was very busy with neurosurgery during all the campaign. For example, I was in Orlando on May 1<sup>st</sup> receiving the AANS Honorary Membership when in Belgium my wife, my children, grand children and friends where doing my political promotion .After that I went to Shanghai for a WFNS Course two weeks before the elctions. So you imagine my surprise when I got the results of the votes. I became a Belgian Senator.....

Such a decision was not easy to take. I did it with my family, my staff and the hospital. It was obvious that I had to do some choices. I absolutely wanted keeping intact my surgical activity and my engagement to the WFNS. The only issue was to diminish administration (papers and local meetings), which is not bad! So, I have transferred ¾ of my administrative work to my closest collaborator, Professor Marc Levivier, who became associate-chief of the department. I have taken one day (Wednesday) to work at the Senate all day long, mainly on ethics and health. Senators start working later than surgeons, which allows me going to Erasme hospital early morning to see my patients and be on time on Wednesday at 10.00 am at the Senate. Usually, the votes at the Senate run on Thursday at 6.00 pm. From Erasme hospital to Senate, I need driving 20 minutes only. So, I can do my medical work and go late afternoon to the Senate when I am not abroad for scientific meetings or WFNS Education Courses. I have always said to the Liberal Party that my life was first Neurosurgery and they did agree. To help me at the Senate I have a secretary and an assistant and finally, I have well organized my timing because I am doing as many, if not more surgeries than before, I prepare new laws, I travel more than before, and I do not forget that my first personal achievement will be as President of the WFNS at the end of the Marrakech Congress on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

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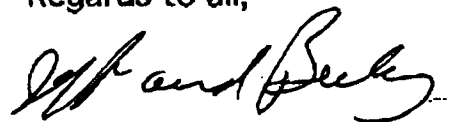
July 8, 2005

Dear Academicians,

Things remain well at the Neurological Institute. Through Bob Solomon's adroitly facile leadership, we have managed to elude University and administrative efforts to "help us". New faculty members have been added in pediatrics and spine and the NI remains a highly collegial and dynamic place to practice. We are particularly proud that Don Quest will be following his recent leadership roles in the Academy and on the board by becoming the next President of the AANS. As a result of his added responsibilities, I will be assuming the role of residency director, a position he has expertly filled for many years. On the academic side, the Bartoli Brain Tumor Laboratory continues to thrive mostly through the efforts of our productive and creative group of residents and students who allow me to think I run things.

On the home front, Zack and Sam are both home from college for the summer, interning in the banking and entertainment industries respectively. They each have campus rock 'n' roll bands and will be supplementing their meager summer income playing some small shows in Manhattan. Rachel and Eliza are busy with high school and extracurricular interests in sports and music with summer courses at Columbia. Becky holds everything together allowing me to spend time in my alternate universe.

Regards to all,



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Würzburg, 10 July 2005

Dear Friends,

The highlight for me last year was to meet so many old friends in Dresden. I was so pleased to be invited to the Joint Meeting of the American and German Academies and the DGN by Gabriele Schackert. She knew Karl-August well because he served as the Founding Dean of the Medical Faculty in Dresden after the wall came down.

Besides renewing old friendships, it was a pleasure to make new friends among the coming generation of neurosurgeons. Hopefully, all of you enjoyed your stay in Berlin and Dresden and will come back soon and maybe even come and visit me in Würzburg as some of you did with the Post Congress Tour after the first Joint Meeting in München.

My family and I are well and happy. The grandchildren are growing, and the eldest of them is studying in Stuttgart as is his sister. My daughter's youngest child is still in school at home, as are three boys of my son, Christoph. For summer vacation, I will take them to a Robinson Club in Turkey, as I have several times in the past. I very much enjoy having them for 10 days.

I am still working for the Frauenkirche in Dresden. On October 30th 2005 we will finally have the Opening Ceremony of the Church. In the meantime, there is still a lot to be done.

I would be very happy to see any of you again and would be delighted to meet you in Würzburg or in any other place in Germany.

Sincerely yours,

*Eva Christa*

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July 2005

Dear Fellow Academicians:

The past year has been a most exciting one for Joan and me, on a personal as well as on a professional level.

Our year has been enhanced by our involvement with the upcoming annual meeting of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery. A substantial amount of energy, thought and time has gone into its planning and we've had a lot of fun. Our goal has been to make the meeting at Half Moon Bay exciting both socially and scientifically. Fred Meyer, our Scientific Program Chairman, and Griff Harsh and Meg Whitman, our Local Arrangements Chairs, have been working closely with us to arrange programs, parties and lectures that will appeal to the broad range of interests of the membership. The Scientific Program promises to be extremely stimulating, with an especially strong program on Saturday. We hope all of you will stay for the science as well as for the wine tasting led by Randall Graham winemaker from Bonnie Doon Vineyards that will be held Saturday evening. (For those of you unfamiliar with Randall, you will find that he is a unique individual with a unique perspective on winemaking and a most entertaining speaker.) Meg and Griff have not only planned this special event for Saturday night but also arranged a variety of evening events, each one reflecting a different aspect of the true California spirit. We are looking forward to the meeting and hope you will enjoy it as much as we have enjoyed making the preparations for it.

Despite my neurosurgery-related time demands, we were able to get away for a most exciting Christmas-New Years trip to Asia. We started off in Chang Mai, Thailand with the highlight of our stay being an elephant ride through the jungle. Next stop was Yangon, Myanmar en route to the

"Road to Mandalay" riverboat cruise on the Irrawaddy River. We got a great view of the country side, the variety of architectural styles in the omnipresent pagoda/temple complexes, the pervasive influence of Buddhism on the society and the insidiousness of the political atmosphere in the country. We did have one day with a bit more excitement than we bargained on. The morning of December 26 we awoke in our quaint hotel room in the embassy section of Yangon. The floor trembled and we decided that we were indeed in the midst of an earthquake. Since news coverage in Myanmar is restricted, we had no idea about the extent of what happened until we arrived in the Bangkok airport nearly 12 hours later. Only from a small sign on the check in counter for flights to Phuket did we learn that there had been a tsunami. It was hours later, when we arrived in Siem Reap, Cambodia that we learned of the extent of the devastation from international TV news. The first thing we did was cancel our scheduled stop in Phuket. (Probably no surprise to most of you but a big surprise to our travel company Abercrombie & Kent.) Then we spent two fantastic days touring Ankor Wat and Anchor Thom.

What amazing sites, one of our most interesting visits anywhere. Next we were off to Viet Nam's China Beach for New Years weekend. The three days spent touring Viet Nam brought back many memories of our country's involvement and the political atmosphere during those years. We found that Americans were surprisingly well received and that the country seems to have wholeheartedly adopted capitalism despite itself. Our trip was wonderful and we feel incredibly lucky that we were spared any direct confrontation with the devastation wrought by the tsunami.

Then back to work. Neurosurgery in New York City continues to evolve. Many of the departments have integrated homegrown young neurosurgeons, but others have recruited new blood from far and wide. For example, at Mt. Sinai our newest faculty member was recruited from Johns Hopkins. The Department continues to thrive under the leadership of Kal Post. Our operating volume had increased dramatically and we expect to have an additional operating room up and running by the first of the year. This year I completed my two year term as the President of the New York Society of Neurosurgery where, among my other pleasures, I was able to be involved in the selection of the annual Elsberg Lecturer. Both Edward Laws and Donald Quest were the Elsberg Lecturers during my term. My involvement with the American College of Surgeons continues and expands as I grow more senior in my position as the neurosurgical member of the ACS Board of Regents. The Regents as a whole are an extremely stimulating group of individuals comprised of surgical specialists from many different regions of our country. Our meetings are intellectually stimulating and invigorating. I can assure you I do my utmost to make sure that the neurosurgical community is well represented, a job made easier by having a fellow neurosurgeon as president.

I hope that each one of you had as good a year as we have had and that everyone's good fortune will continue for the year ahead.

See you in Half Moon Bay,

Martin

Dear Round Robiners:

Wedding Season for the Carmel/Bello clan!

Jason Carmel was married over Memorial Day weekend and Jonathan Carmel was married last weekend (July 9).

Jason has married Dr. Amanda Stein. Dr. Stein and Jason both have their MD Degrees from Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, where they met. They got married at Jason's mother's farm on Brandt Lake, New York. This was a marathon four-day event. However, the weather cooperated, tents survived, and it was a luscious and beautiful wedding.

Jason continues in his Pediatric Neurology Residency at Columbia, while Amanda is now a resident in internal medicine at New York Hospital. She says that residency so far is "very much superior" to being an intern.



**Jason and Amanda**

Jonathan has married Dorothy DeWitt. This wedding took place at her mother's farm on Lookout Mountain, Georgia. The wedding took place out of doors, with a view over the entire countryside to the horizon some thirty to forty miles away. A wonderful barbecue was held on Friday night in an outdoor venue, but squalls associated with hurricane Dennis sprung up during the wedding dinner. The entire party (almost 200) picked up and drove down to the Mentone Springs Hotel in Mentone, Alabama about seven miles away. This hardly seemed an interruption in the festivities.

Jonathan continues to run a hedge-fund at Angelo Gordon, an investment firm in Manhattan. Dorothy was managing money in London, where he and Jonathan met. She will stay in the investment business here in New York.



**Jonathan and Dorothy**

David Carmel remains what Time Magazine called a "stem cell activist". He is currently working with a group that is trying to form an initiative for New York State very similar to the proposition 71 that David was successfully involved with in California. His interest in politics remains strong, and I believe that because of his strong personal charisma is likely to be successful.

Jacqueline continues to be the best teacher in medicine. This year the Einstein Program is finishing eight general radiology residents. Five of the eight will wind up in Neuroradiology! She is really the Pied Piper.

Besides running a terrific Division of Neuroradiology, Jacqueline continues to be busy cheerleading medical organizations. She is currently the President-elect of the Columbia P&S Alumni Association and will become President next year. Jacqueline is also the treasurer of the New York State Radiological Society, and a counselor with the American College of Radiology. She served as alternate delegate for the ACR at the annual AMA meeting in June.

Our department continues to hum along at good pace. Michael Schulder is the Vice-Chairman, and Bob Heary is the Program Director. Both have their tasks well in hand.

Work at the AMA remains both fascinating and frustrating. It is clear that NO ONE in Congress has any strong interest in coming up with medical liability reform this year. Although this remains high "on the administrations list of priorities," they seem to have gotten stuck on social security reform without much progress elsewhere.

I have become very committed to the patient safety and quality movement in medicine. I strongly believe that this is something that our patients expect and deserve. I have been active in involving the AMA in the hundred thousand lives campaign, run by the Institute for Health Care Improvement and Don Berwick. This initiative, which already is involving more than 2300 hospitals seems likely to bring about a major job forward in this area.

Part of the discussion about improved quality naturally turns to pay-for-performance. This is a concept that on its face seems to be quite acceptable. However, three other initial titles, including HMO, UCR, and SGR all seemed quite innocuous and acceptable when they were first proposed. It seems likely that CMS is intent in putting in place some sort of performance payment by 2007. A recent memo from Mark McClellan seemed to indicate that they were looking for performance measures to be proposed. This is probably something that is worth keeping an eye on and putting effort into.

Jacqueline and I look forward to seeing all of you at Half Moon Bay in the fall.

Yours truly,

Peter



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Fellow Academicians,

This has been another exciting and happy year for the entire Chandler family. Our oldest son Scott recently graduated from Case Western University with a combined JD/MBA degree. He was able to do this in three years and has accepted an exciting job with General Electric. He will spend six months in four different locations around the country over the next two years in management and leadership training with GE.

Our younger son Jesse and his wife Nicole have just completed their internships at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Jesse will start his residency in Orthopaedic Surgery and Nicole will continue her training in Pediatrics. They have a yellow lab and two cats in their new home.

Susie continues to be very busy and satisfied working with a variety of community projects in the Ann Arbor area. Bill continues to enjoy his work at the University of Michigan and will be busy over this next year as Chairman of the ABNS.

We have enjoyed trips this past year to Athens, the Greek Islands, Istanbul and, of course, Dresden and Prague as part of the Academy Meeting. Susie and I will be traveling to Italy for two weeks in July.

Best to everyone,



Dear Academicians

As a newcomer to the Round Robin, I must admit it has been quite some time since I reflected on a year's events in any formal way; perhaps, just too busy trying to prove that the unexamined life can in fact be entirely worth living. Or maybe just distracted by the big city lights. In any case, the way I remember it, the year began with a visit from my youngest brother Jim. He had come to New York for the kind of R&R that a midshipman looks for after months in a nuclear sub; a few drinks and some fresh faces. As it turns out, my apartment in the West Village is just the kind of headquarters every 5<sup>th</sup> year ENT resident looks to unwind in; digital cable, completely stocked wine refrigerator, roof deck and maid service.

Before I go further, I don't want to give you the wrong idea. When I originally moved in, I actually had every intention of living a solitary, scholarly, aesthetic existence sleeping on the wide plank floors of the old printing factory, and either meditating or doing yoga on the roof. Unfortunately, my sister, Patty, "pottery-barned" the place one afternoon while I was operating, and my ex-roommate and current endovascular partner, Sean Lavine conspired with my secretary, Pat, on the cable so that he could watch his beloved Lakers play when he was still my roommate and the Lakers were still worth watching. Several guests hinted that a maid might be a nice touch. The wine thing came later from my ER doc turned gastroenterologist brother Sean, who believes on some level that if he sends Bob Solomon and I the same random picks from the Zackey's website every now and then, Bob and I will have something other than work to bond over. While Sean and Bob have certainly bonded as a result of these deliveries, I think that they have only convinced Bob that I am completely beyond hope.

Jim, poised to bond in his own way, was happy as a lark. His big brothers had provided him shelter and drink for a nice long weekend and he had already found companionship on his flight to New York. And so we were off, going to meet his fresh new faces for dinner in Mid-Town. Jim marveled about what a small world it was as his new acquaintance happened to know another of my partners, Guy McKhann. I told Jim that this meant nothing. Guy, at least in my experience, seemed to be three, rather than six degrees separated from just about everyone.

As luck would have it, however, all this fun was going to come to a screeching halt. Dad called at dinner to tell us he had cancer. The next 6 months were filled with consultations and research and finally treatment, first in New Orleans and then in New York. Now, the digital cable, wine cellar, furniture and maid service turned out to be key. It turns out, one needs these things when your family of 8 moves into your 1200 square foot apartment, and if you don't need them you'll at least wish you had the maid service. You will also wish that you had 6 kids if you're ever so unlucky as to need an autologous stem cell transplant, but you'll have to get those details from my dad.

Anyway, as I struggle to finish this on the way to meet Jim and another of my brothers, Chris, for the R&R that never happened, I am struck by what a lucky year it's been. Lots

of family, great friends, wonderful residents and partners that make you feel like your cup is constantly running over. What's more, were all still kickin'

Hope to see you all in Half Moon Bay. I think that Guy and Sean will both be guests. They can tell you how it really is.

All the best,

Sander



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## School of Medicine

Department of Neurology  
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### Neurological Surgery

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June 23, 2005

Dear Fellow Academicians:

Corinne and I are doing well here in St. Louis. During the past few years, we have been very lucky to have both of our children living here in St. Louis. Elizabeth is working for Emerson, a large global manufacturing corporation and Ralph is an undergraduate at Washington University. He is going to be a senior this year.

Elizabeth is going to be leaving St. Louis and going to Palo Alto to attend the Business School at Stanford. We are very excited for her because I think that she will really like Stanford and have a very stimulating two years there.

I just finished my term as a director on the American Board of Neurological Surgery. I really enjoyed my work on the Board and miss it already, but I felt good that the current directors are really a great group of people and are doing a fantastic job. Corinne and I were fortunate to host the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the ABNS, here in St. Louis in May and we had a great time doing that.

The Department here at Washington University continues to do well despite all of the challenges that face academic neurosurgical departments these days. Our faculty is growing and we are adding more research programs.

We look forward to seeing all of our friends in Half Moon Bay.

Sincerely,

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Dear Academicians,

The last year has seen some significant changes in our lives. Perhaps the most striking was our decision to sell the farm that is one and a half hours from Sydney and which we loved so much. We were approached by an agent on behalf of a party whom we were bound to keep anonymous. He made a generous offer and as Adrienne was feeling the strain of running two large houses, we decided to sell. Eventually, it became public knowledge that the Prime Minister's elder brother was the purchaser. Fortuitously, it was probably an excellent time to sell as it was close to the top of the real estate cycle and the property looked stunning. The drought which has gripped Australia for the past four years and which has led to ever tightening water restrictions in Sydney and many other places has struck heavily at the rural sector. We had reduced our cattle holdings to a quarter of the usual and I understand that the purchaser is struggling to feed the smaller number.

Noel continues to work furiously despite attempts to cut down on the workload. We have suffered staff losses and it is presently very difficult to replace staff that leaves so that the hospital workload has increased rather than decrease. He has made an excellent recovery from the radical prostatectomy and all the screening tests are comforting.

Adrienne had a hip replacement a year ago and recovered well but suffers a psoas tendinitis which limits her capacity to walk still. Nonetheless, she still plays tennis and continues with her heavy commitment at the Art Gallery of New South Wales. She remains the focus of attention of three grandsons.

Our eldest daughter, Sally Dan-Cuthbert, gets busier in her work as an art consultant. She has taken on another multinational financial corporation who are anxious for her to oversee their international art collection but she did not wish to proceed as it would have meant a long time away from her family. Her husband Christopher, who is an international tax accountant, has the excellent taste to share Noel's interest in rugby union. Their two sons, Oliver and Christian are at primary school. Oliver shows an interest in soccer whilst Christian, who is said to resemble his grandfather, takes an interest in rugby union.

Our second daughter, Lisa Zara, is due to give birth to her second child shortly before the Academy meeting. She plans to retire from work for a time to care for her two children and to oversee the building works. She and her husband Michael bought a solid but totally outdated property from a widower who had lived in it for the past seventy years and had done nothing to update it. She will be able to use her architectural skills and have the advantage of a builder husband.

Kerrie Louise Dan has changed direction within her industry. Whilst her company, Kumari International, remains the market leader in the promotional personnel business in Australia, there has been a logarithmic increase in the number of competitors which has made the business less profitable. She changed direction and developed a low cost organization doing similar work but with minimal overheads and no frills to their product. This is now thriving and is likely to outstrip the original company.

Adrienne and I look forward to catching up at the Ritz Carlton in September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Noel G. Dan', written in dark ink.

**Noel G. Dan**



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RE: Academy Round Robin

Dear Nick,

Thank you once again for putting together the Round Robin. I always look forward to hearing what our colleagues are doing and marvel at how much everyone seems to be able to accomplish.

I am happy to report that all is well in the Dempsey household, and the department here at Wisconsin continues to grow in spite of the challenges we all see in academic medicine. Several key recruitments are ongoing. We have been successful in adding a talented scientist, Dr. Julie Olson, who has a particular interest in neuroimmunology. Her work should be synergistic with a great deal of our present research efforts in tumor, neuro development, ischemia, and trauma. We have broken ground for the new Children's Hospital and will break ground shortly for the new Interdisciplinary Research Center. I am happy to say that the academic productivity of both the faculty and residents has been a pleasure to see as they develop substantially, essentially tripling our NIH funding over the past three years.

We continue to see the same external forces which challenge academic neurosurgery everywhere as we work to maintain the academic goals, patient care, and patient-directed research. Wisconsin remains a place for collaborative research and my own programs continue to peak my interest, especially our newer program on carotid atherogenesis. During the past year we have particularly enjoyed the visits to our institution of Robert Spetzler, Al Rhoton, and Mitch Berger, just as much as we enjoyed visiting with our fellow academy members in Berlin and Dresden.

The Dempsey family continues to do well. Our oldest daughter Kara continues in pursuit of her PhD with a particular interest in teaching at the university level. This year she will be studying in Spain on the cultural impact of a regional group of people following the entrance into the EEU. She studies the economic and cultural preservation issues facing an ethnic group on the introduction of a new economy. Our son Connor continues to progress in his undergraduate studies at DePaul University and his presence in Chicago has been a delightful reason for us to visit with both Diane and my families throughout the year. Diane continues to enjoy her teaching at the University's Arboretum, and we have found that our empty nest syndrome improves when we are able to take time for our hikes and nature walks. We are all looking forward to visiting with our fellow academicians in the upcoming meetings and hope that all is well with each of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. J. Dempsey M.D.", written in a cursive style.

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**Round Robin Letter**

How fast time passes, a year has gone by again! It's the 8<sup>th</sup> year after being given emeritus status, and I am still in the middle of business, no more as neurosurgeon but as a sought medical expert. I do more than 100 expertises a year, so I am working full time.

In Austria, too, the number of patient's complaints is increasing steadily with an average of 15% per year. But only 1% to 3% of these complaints go to court, due to the various arbitration services of authorities and medical boards.

My family is a great pleasure for me, having already 8 grandchildren. My oldest daughter, Karen, has 3 children with her husband Gerhard, professor in reconstructive and plastic surgery in Basel, Switzerland; her first daughter, Eve, is studying medicine in the 2<sup>nd</sup> doctoral viva, Nora does stage design and „baby“ Carl is starting high school.

My son Hans-Peter is still in the government of Salzburg, in charge of hospitals, environment and radiation protection, his wife Susanne run her own pharmacy. They have 3 children, the oldest, Anne, is finishing high school („Matura“ in Austria), his two other children, Hans-Jörg and Pia, are still in elementary school. My youngest, Maren, married to dentist Gernot, has two baby daughters aged 2 1/2 and 1, Liv-Lauren and Cara-Victoria, and she is currently on maternity leave as assistant professor for european law. My marriage to Karoline has unexpected effects, I am often told to be good-looking and fit, which makes me happy, especially for Karoline. I am very lucky to have such a complete family, since Karolines two daughters and their families are integrating with my children and their families very well. Her older daughter Maria is working as a computer consultant, husband Paul, engineer and jurist, does engineering in the railway business, and their daughter Katharina finished high school in the top 10% of her class. Michaela, Karolines younger daughter, is living in the U.S. in Baltimore, she has recently started working as Ophthalmologist at the University of Maryland in Baltimore after her maternity leave, her husband William is researching professor at the Johns Hopkins University; they have two children, son Lukas (4) and baby girl Lisa (6 mon.).



We have been to various medical conventions last year, will attend 11 this year, which is on one hand enjoyable to be invited for speeches at my age, but on the other hand make me short of time, because courts do set deadlines for their expertises.

Last week I have got from the University Graz the golden Doktor Diplom. This is only for men with a very successful career.

With the austrian medical board I organise and preside trainings in expertises for young colleagues.

Health Services in Austria are troubling me in generally because of the increasing influence of business management - in my time economic and nursing management were subordinate to medical management, which was sufficient for the proper running and future planning in the hospital. Today such proceeding is no more possible in various fields.

I wish you the best, I am sorry, that I am not able to attend the convention ....

P.S. As a conclusion of a speech at Rotary's I stated: „ If you force the doctor to be merchant, the patient becomes merchandise!“



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Submission For the Round Robin Submissions related to the American Academy of Neurological Surgery.

The past year has been a busy one in the Fehlings household. Three Fehlings' children Tara (19), Lauren (17) and Nick (14). Each have pursued their own unique areas of interest.

Tara spent the past year as a Queen's University student at the International Studies Centre in Herst-Monceaux Castle, England. Tara is now back in Toronto spending the summer doing molecular biology research in the area of neuro development. Her long-term plans include going to medical school.

Lauren will be entering grade 12 in the fall. She successfully passed her grade eight Royal Conservatory examinations in piano and is spending the summer as a leader in training at Camp Kandalore in the Haliburton Highlands of Northern Ontario.

Nick will be entering a high school in the fall and has had a successful year of playing centre ice for the George Bell Select hockey team in Toronto.

Darcy continues to pursue her career as an academic pediatric rehabilitation specialist with a focused interest in management of spasticity related to Cerebral Palsy.

Michael continues to combine his clinical work as a Spinal Neurosurgeon with an intensive clinical laboratory interest in Spinal Cord injury. In the past year, he was recently awarded a 1.5 million dollar Canadian Institutes of Health Research grant to create a new emerging team in spinal cord injury repair and regeneration. This team combines the talents of neurosurgeons (Fehlings, Tator) with stem cell biologists tissue engineering and nanotechnology as well as a high resolution magnetic resonance imaging. In addition, Michael has launched a clinical trial examining a RHO inhibitor for the treatment on acute spinal cord injury.

More importantly however, Michael is looking forward to spending some down time at the family cottage in Muskoka this summer in conjunction with Darcy and the kids.

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Dear Ralph,

Thanks for your reminder that came in the meeting package about the round-robin letter. This is just a brief note to say that Faith and I are both well, both working, she at psychiatric nursing three shifts a week, and I at the MNI a bit more often. My main project this year is to finish the book on the history of the Neurological Institute which has just passed its 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, having been founded in 1934.

At the Neuro (as most Montrealers call the Montreal Neurological Institute) it has been a busy academic year with new outstanding researchers joining the staff together with young clinicians who have brought in new techniques. The new Director, David Colman, formerly of Mount Sinai Medical School, and an authority on the process of myelin formation, held a most successful three-day conference at Université de Montréal recently on the subject of *Neuron-glia interaction*, a topic which would have been dear to the heart of Dr Penfield. For that occasion I prepared a poster on Dr Penfield's neuron-glia research going back to his Golgi paper in *Brain* in 1920 and covering his active microscopic work with Hortega in Madrid and then with Bill Cone in New York and Montreal. As you know, the astrocyte especially and the microglia are coming into their own in a vigorous way with modern research technologies.

We await the groundbreaking soon for a major extension to the Brain Imaging Centre, the first pavilion for this having opened in 1984 on our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Neuro. The new pavilion will contain updated versions of all three imaging systems plus MEG and enlarged animal quarters and we hope space for some of our valuable archival and artefactual material relating to Penfield, Cone, Jasper, Rasmussen and other historical items about the Neuro.

Our family are scattered. Our youngest daughter Anna was married in May and will be living in Montreal. Christopher our oldest continues his successful cardiac surgery career in Toronto and will be President this year of the Canadian Cardiological Society. Michael our youngest also in Toronto has just attended international legal conferences in Paris and Cambridge and is on holiday in the southwest of France. While in Paris he had a visit with his older sister Janet, a Professor in the School of Drama at Carnegie-Mellon. She and I organized a combined lecture on "The actor's brain" in April with her drama students taking part – great fun! Pat our oldest daughter thrives in Vancouver despite a somewhat indifferent cold and rainy spring and produces elegant pottery as a sideline.

We wish you and all fellow academicians a splendid meeting at Halfmoon Bay which we unfortunately will not be attending.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

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June 29, 2005

Dear Academy members,

This is my first letter to you since Lyle expired Oct. 19, 2004 of Congestive heart failure.

We had celebrated our 63rd anniversary Sept. 13, 2004 with friends in Parma Valley, Ca.

In June of 2004 Lyle was the recipient of the N. S. A. medal for Outstanding service for his achievements in medicine and Neurosurgery at their annual meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

I am staying in Scottsdale, Ariz. at the retirement center where we moved two years ago.

Our children are doing well and this fall three of our grandchildren will be in college. Our oldest one will be married in Sept.

In Senator Bob Holes book "A Soldier's Story" he thanks Lyle for saving his life in Italy during WWII (page 150). It contains an account of his injuries and Lyle's operative report which he recorded in a journal he kept and which I still have. It contains about 250 cases with name, rank, serial number, a description of the injury and the operation.

I have an autographed copy of Holes book and a note to me thanking me for what Lyle did for him.

I just received a note from Senator Holes concerning Lyles accomplishments.

I would enjoy hearing from you or having a visit from you.

Sincerely

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June 7, 2005

Dear Fellow Academicians:

This has been a truly wonderful year for the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Florida. From a clinical standpoint, it was our busiest year ever, with over 3500 cases performed. Academically, we enjoyed unprecedented external grant funding: Frank Bova and I received R01 funding to support our research into new methods of computer assisted surgical guidance. Steve Roper received R01 funding to support his investigations into the basic mechanisms of epilepsy. Steve Lewis was local PI on three multicenter NIH studies of subarachnoid hemorrhage and head trauma. And Kelly Foote, our young movement disorder expert, received a K23 award. From a teaching standpoint, we were thrilled that six UF senior medical students successfully matched into neurosurgical residencies. We're very excited to have Brian Hoh, chief resident at MGH, joining us this January, as an endovascular/cerebrovascular expert.

It's been a great year for the Friedman family as well. Ransom is finishing her Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner degree and certification. Daniel graduated from Princeton and is working for Lehman brothers in Manhattan. Abigail finished her sophomore year at Middlebury College and will be spending this fall semester in Paris. David is a rising junior in high school, here in Gainesville.

Ransom and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at Half Moon Bay.

Best wishes,

William A. Friedman, M.D.



Daniel W. Fults, M.D.

10 July 2005

Dear Academicians,

This past year, two of my former neurosurgery Professors from Wake Forest University died: Eben Alexander, Sr. and Michael McWhorter. The fact that Mike McWhorter was an Alexander trainee caused me to reflect upon how neurosurgical knowledge is transferred from one generation to the next. Although both men taught from same set of medical facts, their teaching styles were vastly different. I am sure that all residents who trained with these fine men will agree that our education was enriched by their different teaching approaches and by their unique historical perspectives on neurosurgery. With increasing national emphasis on "treatment guidelines" and "best-practice models", we should remember that much of the art of medicine comes from time-honored, person-to-person transfer of knowledge during resident training.

I like to think that our neurosurgical training program here at the University of Utah is strengthened by a diverse faculty – each member bringing a unique world view to our residents. With advances in technology, neurosurgery residents have a lot more facts to learn. So, the human element of teaching becomes increasingly more important.

A significant part of my career remains focused on neuro-oncology research. I got my NIH grant refunded, so I can remain in the research business a while longer. At the same time, I can recoup some of my income tax.

Carol and I celebrated our 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year. Our oldest daughter, Erin, completed her freshman year at Washington University in St. Louis. We were pleased that she successfully handled the many life adjustments that come with this first step toward independence. Our younger daughter, Robin, remains a fairly low-maintenance, eleven year-old.

We were unable to attend the meeting in Berlin, but we will be there for the upcoming Academy meeting in California.

Yours truly,

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Greetings,

It has been an exciting and transitional year for all the Giannottas. The family stays constantly on the move and we rely on cell phones and e-mail to stay in touch from every corner of the world.

The highlight of the past year was our trip to Sydney, Australia and Hayman Island with the Skullbase Congress last fall. It was our first trip down under and we can't wait to return. This year, Steve has an unbearable travel schedule which includes the usual meetings, committees, courses and boards, but also an unusual amount of personal travel to Michigan, Hawaii, the Caribbean and Cancun. Someone has to keep the airlines solvent!

Steve's first year as chairman has been challenging and stressful, but everyone in the department seems quite content. The new University Hospital tower will be finished in the fall, which will add much needed ICU beds and operating rooms.

Our children are progressing toward their goals and it is exciting to watch them blossom. Brent, age 24, spent last fall as an intern at the Carter Center in Atlanta. He was excited about the work of the foundation and enjoyed his time there, which included visits to the Barrows and the Dicks. After a Christmas break at home, he went to Washington D.C. to become an intern for Darrell



Issa, a Republican Congressman from California. After a short visit home in May, he went to New York to study Arabic at Columbia for the summer. He plans to work in Washington D.C. for a year before applying to a graduate school in International Relations.

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Nicole, age 22, changed her major to art history and is taking college at a leisurely pace. She works at the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena as a gallery guard. She enjoys being surrounded by this world-famous collection of masterpieces.

Robyn, age 20, finished her sophomore year at USC with a stellar academic record while enjoying an abundant social life with her Delta Delta Delta sorority. For the summer, she took over Brent's internship with Darrell Issa and is living at American University. She describes the scene as spring break with everyone wearing suits and working 9 to 5. She is not homesick!

I continue to play as much tennis and golf as my tendons will allow. Becoming a docent at the Huntington Museum and volunteer work in two other organizations is both fulfilling and enjoyable.

Our family has been blessed in so many ways, and we certainly cherish our friendships in the neurosurgery community. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in beautiful Half Moon Bay.

Regards,

Steve and Sharon Giannotta

Dear Fellow Academy Members,

Debra and I will not be able to join you this fall at Half Moon Bay, though the meeting and venue look spectacular. As events turn out this year, we happen to have 100 years combined life experience (I am not revealing how it is split!) and we will be on a cruise in Turkey and Greece during the meeting. Nonetheless we wish you well.

Professionally, things continue to go well at Penn. The Department (a division of Surgery until 1997) is in the midst of its first review, which occurs every six years at Penn. Accordingly, a massive tome of departmental past activities and future plans must be assembled with mind-numbing graphs and endless text. After 15 years of agitation initiated first by Gene Flamm and continued by Sean, a gamma knife has been purchased and will be operational in October 2005. We have recruited John Lee, M.D. who finishes his training at U Pittsburgh in June 2005 to help lead our efforts in radiosurgery and will participate in the functional neurosurgery program as well. Meantime, recruitment efforts continue for an endovascular neurosurgeon and spine neurosurgeon which will bring the total number of clinical faculty to 14, a sufficient number to keep me busy with all matters of details. Challenges of practice continue in Pennsylvania, not necessarily with volume, but handling low reimbursement and high overhead. The only way this happens is with close partnership with our hospitals. While there may have been significant turmoil associated with Penn Medicine's financial troubles in 1999-2000, one of the best things to come out of it was a deep and abiding respect by hospital administration for those clinical practices that make the margin for the hospital. As it turns out, these same factors have eliminated private practice in most of Pennsylvania and most neurosurgeons are now hospital employees in one form or another.

The renovation process continues by Debra on the home and we're almost at the point where just continuous maintenance, like painting the Golden Gate Bridge (and as expensive) is at hand. Our two high school sons at home no longer are at each other's throats and, worrisome for us, have formed a league now that the older one has his driver's license and the younger one has the contacts with local girl's high schools. Careful accounting has taken place in the liquor cabinet, including random sampling of alcohol content to insure no dilution has taken place. We attended only one family graduation this year, our oldest daughter who finished a year at the French Culinary Institute learning to become a pastry chef. She promptly nailed down a job as an assistant pastry chef at Per Se restaurant in the Time Warner building in Manhattan. To date, we haven't been able to secure a loan that would enable us to eat there, but that is one of the goals this year. Our oldest son continues with Price Waterhouse in Los Angeles and the other two daughters each successfully completed another year in college, one as a junior at Penn State (with law school on her mind to her father's mixed emotions) and the other as a freshman at U Iowa.

We hope all is well with the members and that the meeting is successful as always. I hear that Ralph Dacey, now retired from the ABNS and working intensely on his golf game, intends to soundly trash all opponents.

Sincerely

Sean Grady

July 6, 2005

Dear friends,

Your plans for the meeting at Moon Bay sound most inviting — I certainly wish I could be there. Our weather here is pretty warm — the really high temperatures came a bit earlier this year, & of course my air conditioning stopped at the worst time —  $114^{\circ}$  &  $112^{\circ}$  — it was truly a hellish few days, but now I have a new unit & all is well again. I'll probably spend my summer painting in my cool house!

On Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> I had my yearly art show, & did very well. It's really a cocktail party with everyone walking around the house looking at paintings. The Spitzlers & Berntrags came & bought several paintings — my very good customers! The Radar Sanders, both senior & junior, are great customers — clients? — too. They have your houses, as Jimmy pointed out! Now that Sandra & John O'Connor will be back in Arizona maybe I can tempt them — but I think not to have her in court!

Since last I wrote, I've added Talulah to my little household. She was a tiny two month old aquifer puppie, now turned almost entirely white at two & a half years old — such a dear little companion, with me wherever I go.

I still belong to my needlepoint group, meeting every Monday to do needlepoint & have lunch & talk a lot. We stop during the summer, but I keep needlepointing something while watching the Diamondback games — I'm a fan, but they're not doing very well so far, & of course last year they were awful.

anyway I finally finished my needlepoint chair — that I never would. It really is gorgeous. We broke out the champagne to celebrate!

Soon we'll begin working on the 2005 Year Book. I was chairman in 1960 (Bobby Goldwater was the first one in 1959), & I've worked on the committee ever since, mostly as an advisor. It's fun to be involved. There are a fabulous bunch of young gals. We make a million & a half every year — last year \$1,800,000.

The bridge game goes on every week, which I enjoy — trying to keep the old brain cells working. Last year I had a delightful note from John Gillingham from Edinburgh, he & Judy are well. He was remembering his visits to Phoenix in "the good old days." We did have some good times — also in Edinburgh when my John was a visiting professor. I must say I have some wonderful memories.

Have a beautiful time in California  
With all best wishes,

Georgia Green

# Methodist Neurological Institute

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2005 has been one of our most challenging and ultimately rewarding years. Being in the maelstrom of conflicts between Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital for the past 2 years was an unusual position for Bob, whose career in academic neurosurgery has been characterized by good relationships at both institutions. It became obvious that to continue to develop the Department, a new model would have to be established. Therefore Bob, and the majority of the neurosurgery faculty, along with many Neurology and Neuroradiology faculty, organized the Neurological Institute of The Methodist Hospital, based on the model that Bob knew during his training at the New York Neurological Institute at Columbia-Presbyterian. Then, after 25 years as chair of the department of neurosurgery at Baylor, Bob stepped down as chair to become Director of the Neurological Institute.

Much good has come for patient care in Houston from setting up the Institute, which has received unusually generous support from the TMH board and from the community.

The TMH neurosurgery department applied for and has just been approved for a Methodist Hospital-based residency program in neurosurgery. The faculty is very grateful to be able to continue their role in neurosurgical education. David Baskin is the director of this new residency program, and we know that he will be outstanding in this position. The affiliation of TMH with Weill College of Medicine of Cornell University has resulted in new opportunities for collaborative research and training for the residents and the faculty.

The most rewarding professional activity this year was being asked to deliver the first Rhoton Family Lecture at the AANS meeting in April. Bob holds Al Rhoton in the highest esteem as a colleague, scientist, surgeon and friend. It was very rewarding to be able to do this as Al and Bob started their training together at the Neurological Institute in New York. Bob chose as the topic for his address, "The Search for a Cure for Spinal Injury". For the last few years, Bob's research interests have been on the mechanisms and treatment of spinal cord injury. Bob has been working closely with the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation to enhance their research initiatives, and on translational research with the development of the North American Clinical Trials Network (NACTN) in spinal cord injury. The Network has been started with a small group of centers in North America to enable it to get it up and running quickly. The centers are collaborating with a similar consortium in Europe and it is planned to expand the number of centers in North America in the coming year.

On a personal note, Bob and I were fortunate to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this June with a fiesta weekend in Santa Fe. Over 100 of our family, friends and colleagues made the trip westward (for some it was eastward) to beautiful New Mexico for dinner at La Fonda Hotel on Saturday night and brunch at our home the next day. Our children and their families, including 8 grandchildren ranging in age from 9 to 13, celebrated with us, as well as cousins, friends and colleagues from Dallas, New York, New Jersey, San Francisco, Florida, Seattle, Santa Fe and, of course, Houston. It was a wonderful excuse to enjoy beautiful New Mexico and for our guests to revisit a favorite vacation spot or experience Santa Fe for the first time. Surely nothing can compare with the combination of personal joy shared with family and friends in "The City Different." Like many of our contemporaries, we were fortunate to have married and raised our children when we were quite young; the unexpected outcome is the unique joy and blessing to enjoy our grandchildren while we are active and in good health. Add to that the rare good fortune that they all live within ten minutes from us in Houston.


Suffice it to say that a year that was unexpectedly marked by stressful circumstances has ended on an up note. We think of all our friends and colleagues whom we have known for many years, or for just a few years. We believe that we are all privileged to be neurosurgeons and to belong to this wonderful group, and we send you our best wishes for health and happiness, both personal and professional.

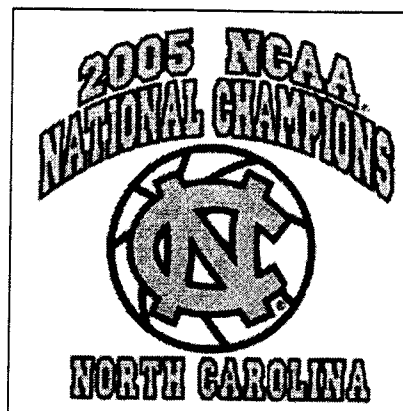
*Ellin and Bob Grossman*  
Ellin and Bob Grossman

July 7, 2005

Dear Ralph:

It was the 6<sup>th</sup> greatest day of my life – April 4, 2005. My beloved North Carolina Tar Heels won the NCAA Basketball Championship! The other best days: my wedding day, the days my two children were born, the day my granddaughter was born, and our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary party last August, celebrating forty years of marriage to my best friend.

But the Tar Heel win ranks up there. The Final Four was to be played here in St. Louis and Bob and I had fortuitously received two tickets in the lottery – way, way up in the nose-bleed section of the Dome. The month of March (March Madness) was spent at Ozzie Smith's bar with a rowdy crowd of UNC alums watching the games unavailable at home. We were even there on Easter Sunday – went straight from church to the bar. With each exciting win, the possibility of the Heels coming to St. Louis for the Final Four came closer, and my diet of beer and toasted ravioli (a St. Louis original) and nail-biting tension was taking its toll. My friends and strangers finally stopped asking why this gray headed lady had a blue foot with a black heel stuck to her cheek -  a Tar Heel – get it? When they won the Syracuse Regional and were headed for St. Louis, I was ecstatic! On Thursday before the games on Saturday, a UNC friend from the bar e-mailed about 15 people that he had two tickets to sell (sadly his father was having his leg amputated) for \$500 each and wanted true blue Tar Heel fans to occupy the seats. I called my son. It's midnight in D.C. "Mom, it's late. You've wakened the baby." "Forget the baby, go to your computer – you've got tickets if you act fast." "Ok." "Dear Terry, sorry about your dad, I want the tickets! Check's in the mail, and I'm a truly crazed Carolina fan." Never mind that he is still a lowly paid NIH fellow in Urology trying to save money to buy a house in St. Louis where he, his wife and my grandbaby are moving in a month. He hopped on a plane and arrived in time to join us and huge throngs of Carolina fans, including some of his good buddies, on the St. Louis river front which was transformed into a huge pep rally of beer guzzling Illinois, Michigan State, Louisville and Carolina fans. Roy Williams' boys beat Michigan State with ease. By wheeling and dealing with disappointed fans from loser schools, we ended up with great seats – a few rows from Michael Jordan and Dean Smith's box on Monday night. The team went into Monday night against the once beaten Illini. Roy won his first National Championship 75-70, and my Heels, not even in the tournament 2 years before, were champs. Sharing the joy in my own town with my best friend and my son made it the 6<sup>th</sup> best day of my life.



On other fronts – Peter Heilbrun politely asked Bob, when we were in New Orleans at the AANS Meeting, if he were the oldest person still operating at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Bob said, “No, there’s uh, uh, I’m sure there is somebody” and finally thought of one ENT guy who is his age. Is it time to retire? Washington University Medical School just honored him with a “Distinguished Service Award”. Is this their way of saying “Great job, now retire”? We had been thinking of retirement homes in North Carolina in the future, but now that our son, daughter-in-law and baby Louisa are moving to St. Louis, I paraphrase Henry IV, a Protestant who was told he had to become Catholic to be king of France, “Paris is worth a Mass” – well, “Louisa is worth more than a retirement home in North Carolina”. And Bob is still excited about teaching residents and about his research and clinical trial. Our daughter, who was Peter and Jacqueline Carmel’s house guest for so long last fall, while searching for a perfect New York City apartment, that Peter and Jackie were figuring how to deduct her from their taxes, is taking a brief break from her arduous lawyer job to celebrate mass 30<sup>th</sup> birthdays with nine college best friends in a villa on the Amalfi coast of Italy.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at Half Moon Bay. The Senior Society Meeting in Palo Alto just whetted our appetite for this beautiful area.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julia".

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Re: Round Robin Letter

Mark and Lori Hadley offer our best wishes to our friends and fellow Academicians. This last year has been an enjoyable year for our entire clan. Mark's practice at the University of Alabama at Birmingham remains busy, exciting and dynamic. He enjoys his role as Program Director of the Residency Training Program and has set out to completely rewrite and update the Residency training curriculum to meet ACGME recommendations.

Lori remains active as mother to three, and does weekly volunteer work at Jack's and Mollie's schools. Christopher is approaching his seventeenth birthday. He will be a senior this year and is active in sports, clubs, the Math Team, and enjoys driving his 1988 Jeep Cherokee. He is an outstanding student, performed exceptionally well on the recent SAT exam, and is looking at colleges. Jack is now nine years old and Mollie is six. They are rapidly becoming "big kids" and it pulls at our heartstrings to see them mature beyond being our sweet young babies. Jack is an all sports, all energy young guy who enjoys football, soccer, basketball and baseball. He has excelled at each during this last year. He remains a very sweet child and is doing very well in school. He will be a fourth grader in August. Mollie, our darling and delightful daughter, is in charge of the entire household. She participates in gymnastics, soccer, and basketball. She is the primary arbiter for our Pembroke Corgi, named "Bucky", and our seventeen-year-old Blue Persian cat named "Savannah". Mollie is a precocious student, enjoys school and her friends, and will be a first-grader this year. Lori and I very much enjoy our time with our children and with Lori's family, who live here in Birmingham and on the Gulf Coast of Florida.

This last year has been a good one for the Hadley family. We are indeed very fortunate and have been blessed with good health, our close family, and many dear friends.

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**June 22, 2005**

**Dear Fellow Academicians:**

**This academic year in Minnesota started on a somber note. We lost four senior alumni of the Minnesota training program over a period of 6 weeks in the fall. Best known to members of the Academy was Lyle French. It is impossible to overstate the impact that Dr. French had on the development of neurosurgery in Minnesota, nationally and indeed, internationally. He remained bright, insightful, humorous and politically aware of the activities of the department, Medical School and University, right up to his final days. His wife, Gene, remains healthy and active living in Arizona. Plans are underway for a celebration of Lyle's life and contributions at the University of Minnesota late in the summer.**

**On a brighter note, the department continues to thrive. We received our continued full accreditation from the Residency Review Committee and matched two excellent new residents. The faculty has been greatly enhanced by the addition of Andy Freese. Andy's clinical practice in complex spinal surgery has taken off very rapidly and solidified that part of our clinical and teaching mission. In addition, Andy's gene therapy lab is up and running. They have submitted four papers for publication on the subject of a novel non-viral gene transfer system applied to the treatment of glioblastoma. In addition, we have added a second Ph.D. scientist to the neurosurgical laboratories. John Ohlfest's laboratory research program in translational gene therapy compliments Walter Low's existing laboratory programs in multi-potential adult stem cells.**

**Our most recent addition to the faculty is Aviva Abosch. Aviva did her neurosurgical training at UCSF, fellowships in deep brain stimulation with Andres Lazano and in epilepsy surgery with Andre Olivier and has been a stereotactic and functional neurosurgeon at Emory for the past several years. She is joining us as Director of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery and will continue the strong efforts in this regard that Bob Maxwell has been leading over the past quarter century. Aviva will also pursue her research interests in expanding the applications of deep brain stimulation. We look forward to her joining the department in October.**

**Minnesota remains a great place to live, an excellent academic environment, a fertile birthplace for biomedical technology and a challenging medical practice environment; we are delighted to be here. We look forward to seeing everyone in the near future**

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# 15th World Congress of Neurosurgery in Korea, 2013

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## Round Robin letter for 2005

I was in the Williamsberg meeting three years ago and I am always feeling at home every time I attend the Academy meeting. I am expecting very much for this year's meeting at Half Moon Bay . This time I have a guest from our university, Dr. Hee Won Jung who is the Chairman of Department of Neurosurgery, College of Medicine, Seoul National University as well as Seoul National University Hospital. He is interested in neurooncology, skull base lesions and pituitary disorders. He finished his research fellowship in UCSF in 1991 after two years training. He is elected as the next president of Korean Neurosurgical Society (2006 to 2008 for two years).

I was elected as a chairman of the Bidding Committee for 2013 World Congress of Neurological Surgery in Seoul, Korea in 2002. The selection of hosting city will be in Nagoya, 2007 when the Asian-Australasian Congress of Neurological Surgery is open. I am working very hard for the campaign of inviting that Congress to Seoul. I hope every Academician will support me to be able to host the 2013 World Congress in Seoul.

On the family side I have had a very bad experience that my daughter, a very able ophthalmologist, is suffering from a difficult disease in the brain which is treated surgically as well as chemoradiotherapy. She is recovering now and I hope she will return to her original job.

The poster in this letter is about the Congress and I am adding the advertisement from our Korean Neurosurgical Society for the campaign.

Sincerely,

Dae Hee Han, M.D.

15th WFNS International Congress of Neurological Surgery in 2013: Why Seoul ?

1. the Korean Neurosurgical Society (KNS), one of the largest neurosurgical society, is supporting the 15<sup>th</sup> world congress.

The Korean Neurosurgical Society was established in March 1961 and it is the only neurosurgical scientific organization formed under the Korean Medical Service Law.

The KNS is a scientific and educational association with over 1,800 board certified members nationwide as of 2004. The Korean Neurosurgical Society organizes and executes two separate annual scientific meetings every year. Currently, 385 residents are in training in 85 training institutions.

The Korean Neurosurgical Society has an extensive experience in hosting major scientific meetings. Each year the Korean Neurosurgical Society annual meeting draws more than 1000 participants, their spouses, and exhibitors. We are truly dedicated to make the 2013 WFNS meeting a success.

2. Seoul is one of the best cities to hold the international congress: Safe, comfortable and fascinating convention city!

Seoul is the world's 10th-largest city where past and present coexists in a fascinating way. It continues to grow as the heart of the Korea's political, economic, cultural and educational activities. Within its city limits live about 10.3 million of the nation's 48 million people.

① The distinctive advantage that Seoul has is the easy travel. Seoul hosts over 5 million international travelers annually. Served by more than 40 airlines, Seoul is the gateway to every major city in the world with over 1,500 flights into and out of Korea every week. It has 43 embassy offices ready to assist its global visitors.

② Accommodations are plentiful in Seoul with over 15,000 rooms in 110 hotels ranging from luxury hotels and modern hotels to inns and hostels. Familiar chain hotels are a short taxi or bus ride to the convention center.

③ Seoul's convention facilities can accommodate groups up to 35,000, largest single one up to 7,000.

④ Abundant attractions are within and around Seoul, which includes the ancient royal palaces and diverse cultural attractions such as the opera house, concert halls and art galleries. Many of Korean cultural assets are filed on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List. Seoul is the place for shopping, fine dining, and fantastic nightlife including river cruise along the Han River.

⑤ Our city has successfully organized a large number of sizeable international events including the Olympic Games in 1988, the 3rd ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) in 2000 and FIFA World Cup Soccer Games in 2002. We are currently pooling our all efforts to prepare for the forthcoming congresses. Approximately 35 international events on medical science and health care have been held annually in Seoul, including the General Meeting of the International Society of Orthopedic Surgery and Traumatology (SICOT) and the Seoul General Meeting of Annual World Dental Congress. We have the knowledge for successful academic conventions acquired through over hundreds of events in a year.

3. The government of Republic of Korea and large Korean corporations such as Samsung, LG, Hyundai, and so on will support the 15<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the WFNS.

4. Next turn is for Asia in 2013. Which country next to Japan and India?

1 <sup>st</sup>	1957	Brussels, Belgium
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1961	Washington D.C., USA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1965	Copenhagen, Denmark
4 <sup>th</sup>	1969	NY, USA
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1973</b>	<b>Tokyo, Japan</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	1977	Sao Paulo, Brazil
7 <sup>th</sup>	1981	Munich, Germany
8 <sup>th</sup>	1985	Toronto, Canada
9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1989</b>	<b>New Delhi, India</b>
10 <sup>th</sup>	1993	Acapulco, Mexico
11 <sup>th</sup>	1997	Amsterdam, Holland
12 <sup>th</sup>	2001	Sydney, Australia
13 <sup>th</sup>	2005	Marrakesh, Morocco
14 <sup>th</sup>	2009	Boston, USA

The answer for the site of the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress in 2013 should be Seoul, Korea !

We are ready to host !



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Dear Ralph:

This has been an excellent year for Penn State Neurosurgery. The Neurosurgery Department continues to grow. In addition to eight neurosurgical clinical faculty at the Hershey Medical Center we have added three PhD faculty members in the laboratory (Sang Lee, Stephanie Patton and Xinsheng Wang). We have also recruited Philip Blatt, PhD in Neurorehabilitation, Elizabeth Sinz, MD, a joint member of the Departments of Neurosurgery and Anesthesiology, as our Director of Neuro Critical Care and two neurosurgeons (James Fick, MD and Carlo de Luna, MD) to establish satellite neurosurgical practices in State College and Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Finally, we have added Elana Farace, PhD, a nationally recognized neuropsychologist, as our Director of Clinical Research.

Our clinical efforts are going very well, with fellowship trained faculty in cerebrovascular neurosurgery, endovascular neurosurgery, spinal neurosurgery, peripheral nerve surgery, stereotactic and functional neurosurgery, skull base surgery and surgical neuro-oncology. Our case volume has increased dramatically and we are now doing more than 1800 major open and endovascular cases per year. We are recruiting for an additional spine surgeon and an additional pediatric neurosurgeon at our Hershey Medical Center campus, for two Physician Scientist positions, one in Neuro-oncology and one in Functional Neurosurgery. The department has also developed a formal relationship with Tianjin, China, with collaboration in clinical neurosurgery, basic research, clinical research and medical education.

On the research front the Penn State Department of Neurosurgery now has five full time PhD research faculty members in the laboratory, one full time PhD clinical research faculty member, seven post-doctoral fellows and two MD/PhD students. Our external funding this year is approaching \$3 million.

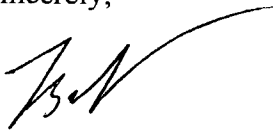
Our 2003-2004 Chief Resident, Sam Critides, completed a spine fellowship with Ed Benzel at the Cleveland Clinic before starting practice at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda and our present Chief Resident, Akash Agarwal, will be starting fellowship training in endovascular neurosurgery with Robert Rosenwasser in July. Keep Penn State in mind if your medical students ask about neurosurgery residency opportunities.

This year the Pennsylvania Neurosurgical Society will again be holding its annual meeting in Hershey. The keynote speaker will be Ed Laws.

On a personal note I have started my tenure as a member of the AANS Board of Directors and the Chair of the Washington Committee's Quality Improvement Workgroup.

Finally, I would like to extend a standing invitation to any Academy members to stop and visit us in Hershey. Kim and I just bought a new home and we would love to have guests.

Sincerely,



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Dear fellow Academy members,

Once again, I am happy to report that all of the Harkeys are well. All four children successfully advanced to the next level of school. Claire graduated from high school and will be attending Beloit College in Beloit, WI where she plans to major in Drama. I suspect there will be some difficulty acclimating to the northern climate but I'm certain that Beloit will become her second home for the next few years.

Summer plans are very similar to last year. Leah and Lorna are off to Camp Windhover, a Mississippi camp for kids interested in the Arts. Claire and Ian are cycling Vermont and upstate New York in July. Last year, Alison and I celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Hawaii while the kids were away but this year we are joining Claire and Ian on the bike trip. We became interested in cycling after watching our children train for their 400 mile bike trip and Lance win his 6<sup>th</sup> Tour de France. We visited the local bike shop and bought two road bikes plus all the required cycling gear, a real bonanza for the shop! Since then cycling has taken on a life of its own. We are riding in excess of 100 miles a week and are both in better shape than we have been in years. Furthermore, we leave the kids in our dust!

Professionally, I continue my work with spines but have evolved into somewhat of a traumatologist, treating around 100 spinal cord injuries a year. This is the result of successfully implemented trauma system where the University Medical Center is the only level one trauma center in the state. I survived my year as the Chief of Staff for the University Hospital and Clinics, finding that I truly enjoy the administrative role. For a job well done, the dean has made me the Clinical Director of Risk Management. This is a very interesting group, affectionately known as CSI UMC that deals with all the tort claims, occurrence reports and patient safety issues for the hospital. Diversity keeps my work from becoming overly burdensome.

Looking forward to seeing y'all at Half Moon Bay.

Louis Harkey

July 5, 2005

Dear Fellow Academicians,

Tufts New England Medical Center has experienced considerable change over the past six months. Dr. William Shucart retired as Chairman of the Department after 24 years of exemplary service. I have been blessed with the Chairman position and a strong commitment from the hospital to maintain and build on the years of excellence in neurosurgery established by Dr. Shucart. Needless to say, I have big shoes to fill.

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, four new neurosurgeons have joined our staff. Drs. Julian Wu, Simcha Weller and Adel Malek left the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center to join the Tufts Department. Dr. Jim Kryzanski has also joined us, after completing a skull base fellowship with Dr. Jon Robertson and a seizure fellowship with Dr. Dennis Spencer.

On the personal side, Carolyn and I continue to enjoy living in Boston. Our two daughters, Alexandra (15 yrs) and Erika (13 yrs), challenge us with the usual set of teenager priorities. When work and family allow, I find time to go flyfishing. At sunrise on Saturdays, I can often be found somewhere in the oceans of New England in pursuit of striped bass, blues, or bonito. If you love to fish and find yourself in Boston, give me a call. I am always looking for an excuse to wet a line and take someone saltwater flyfishing.

Best Regard,

Carl Heilman MD



July 6, 2005

Dear Fellow Academicians:

It has been a fairly routine year for the Heros' in Miami. Carlos continues to enjoy his basketball, unfortunately much more than his academics, and is now looking forward to moving to middle school having completed successfully, though reluctantly, his elementary school. Perhaps the biggest news of the year for us is that Elsie had a beautiful new baby daughter; we're looking forward very much to visiting her, her husband Seth and our grandchildren Solomon and Sadie in Maine this summer. Rob is now a major in the army serving as a physician at Tripler Hospital in Honolulu. Unfortunately, he is pretty sure that he will have to go to Iraq and you can imagine how concerned we are about this. Perhaps this is a message to me from somewhere given the fact that I am such a Gung- Ho, "go-and-get-them" conservative who has been so supportive of the Iraq war! Of course, since I believe so strongly that we are doing the right thing, I should volunteer to go myself instead of Rob, who as a die-hard liberal disagrees with the war; however, I think that Debbie and Carlos may have something to say about that even if the army had any interest in this old man. Debbie generally is doing fine, but she is working too hard. She is the only neuro-oncologist in this area and is truly overwhelmed with her practice and not having any coverage when she leaves town as well as not being able to give Carlos as much time as she would like to.

Professionally, I am perhaps busier than ever, at least in the operating room which is ironic because every now and then I hear from somebody that they wanted to see me as a patient, but they had heard that I am retired! I just had a long, very hot trip to Marrakech for the WFNS meeting; the highlight for me was to have found the time to put the final touches to the four major presentations as the "Honored Guest" of the CNS this October. Although there were some logistical problems in the running of the meeting in Marrakech, it was very nice to see that a terrific number of neurosurgeons from the third world, including Africa, were able to attend the meeting. It was also great and made us very proud to see our own Ed Laws as President of the WFNS. I look forward to organizing the 2009 world meeting in Boston, this time of course with the professional help of the AANS which will make it a breeze to preside over that meeting.

The department in Miami continues to grow in spite of ourselves. Neurosurgeons in the community are simply reluctant to take on risky cases and as the only referral center in this area, we have no choice but to take all comers, which, of course leads to a major malpractice problem since we are the only insured group in the region. Even though we are self-insured, our malpractice premiums more than doubled for this year which makes it very difficult to make ends meet for the department. We would practically be bankrupt, in spite of being busier than ever, were it not for the good news that we have completely taken over the therapeutic and diagnostic catheter work. However, our endovascular neurosurgeon, Alois Zauner, is truly overwhelmed with work and we are desperately looking for help for him. Please let me know if any of you know of an endovascular neurosurgeon that may be interested in Miami.

Finally, we will miss all of you very much during the next meeting in California which I will not be able to attend so that my colleague, Jacques Morcos, can go. As you know, Jacques just

joined the Academy a little over a year ago and I do not think he should miss this meeting and we are so busy with vascular and skull base work that the two of us cannot be gone simultaneously for an extended period of time. He is a great guy in every respect and I hope that all of you can show him and his lovely wife, Fiona, the wonderful hospitality for which the Academy has become so dear to all of us.

Roberto

July 6, 2005

Dear Friends,

This has been yet another eventful year for Cathy and me in Syracuse. We are blessed by having all of our children, three sons, and their spouses live in the immediate area. This allows us to frequently see and enjoy our five grandchildren. They grow at an amazing rate and even seeing them on a weekly basis, there are dramatic changes in behavior and vocabulary. The boys and their families will be intermittently visiting our home on Martha's Vineyard and introducing the kids to the joys of ocean swimming and time with books and without TV. We will be there the first two weeks in September when the crowds have gone and we welcome any who would like to visit (508-627-3016).

Cathy has taken up another career in addition to neurosurgery nurse practitioner. She and a partner have started doing real estate and have developed an active market practice. They hope to grow this into a development company. I am optimistic that this will allow me to further enhance my sailing repertoire. Much of our spare time for the warm months is spent cruising our 44 foot sloop named Surprise after the O'Brien novels. Like its fictional namesake, it is older, but sturdy and fast if sailed well. We plan a summer cruise through much of southern New England with stops at Cuttyhunk, Pandanaram, Nantucket, Chattam and other scenic sites. This really is a chance to get away from the persistent administrative issues which seem to dominate our work lives.

The department here is doing well with some change in the spine personnel and the looming addition of our chief resident to the faculty once he has finished his endovascular training with Bob Rosenwasser. We had the opportunity to host a wonderful reunion of past residents and faculty at our teaching day in mid June. A number of scientific gurus, including Dick Winn were guest speakers and the residents filled out the program. It is quite amazing many people are intimately linked to a small department like neurosurgery and it is reassuring to sense the commitment of the physicians and other health workers to the welfare of our patients.

We hope for a great year for all of our friends in the Academy.

Sincerely,

Charles and Cathy Hodge  
Syracuse, NY



**University at Buffalo**  
*The State University of New York*

**L. N. Hopkins, M.D.**

*Professor and Chairman of Neurosurgery  
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July 8, 2005

Dear Fellow Academy Members:

2005 will go down as a "bittersweet" year for us – bitter, because we lost my father in the spring. He was in his 90<sup>th</sup> year and has been not only our best friend but also our mentor for about as long as we can remember. I guess it is impossible to fully understand the impact until you experience it.

2005 has been sweet because of family, friends, and what I would call a renaissance in our residency program and continued expansion of our fellowship program in endovascular neurosurgery. Our former fellows are becoming leaders in the field and, most importantly, neurosurgery is "back in the game" in terms of leadership in endovascular as well as traditional open vascular neurosurgery.

Our residency program is exploding in terms of volume and our ability to attract some of the best and brightest residents we have ever seen. We are petitioning the RRC for an increased number of residents and considering the addition of a spine fellowship, as well.

We have developed a wonderful working relationship with a company in Boston by the name of NorthPoint Domain, which has dramatically improved our presence on the web at [www.ubneurosurgery.com](http://www.ubneurosurgery.com).

Our endovascular complications meetings in Jackson Hole continue to attract excellent people who are willing to share their serious procedural problems to the benefit of all who attend.

Bonnie and I are excited about our new home in Jackson Hole, which has a beautiful ground floor conference center where we hosted "Neurosurgery in Jackson Hole" this year. We have kept this neurosurgery ski meeting a small and intimate venue where a limited number of presentations allow us an in-depth discussion of each topic.

Most gratifying is that Bonnie is probably the best grandmother on the planet and has become a true pied piper for our six grandchildren, ages 7 and under.

All in all, this has been a great year. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Academy Meeting at Half Moon Bay.

Nick and Bonnie Hopkins

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23 May 2005

Dear Ralph,

Congratulations on being elected Secretary of the Academy and condolences for having to produce the Round Robin.

My explanation of the Theory of Relativity is that the older one gets the faster time moves. This past year has had its ups and down. On the up side I had a brief but wonderful medical trip to Seoul Korea in April 2004. The past September was our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and we had a wonderful reunion with all of our children in St. Louis. Our son, David, who is on the faculty at "Wash U" hosted the celebration.

I seem to be at the age when honors are bestowed and I have been honored by the Trustees of Columbia University by their creating a Professorship in Neurological Surgery in my name. I am doubly pleased that Jeff Bruce has been appointed the first recipient.

All of this fun has been offset by the tragic deaths of my colleague Jim Correll and my friend and mentor Larry Pool. Jim was a close friend and collaborator at NI and I owe my entire career to Dr. Pool. He constantly encouraged and supported me from my first days as a resident in Neurological Surgery at Columbia throughout my tenure on the faculty.

I had surgery for a far lateral L3-4 disc after a foolish accident in April of last year and learned that being operated is not at all a bad experience but being an in-patient has its drawbacks (I'm being kind in case this letter is being monitored). Later in the year I had IMRT for a very early Prostate tumor. It has taken this long to stop feeling "washed out" but I think I'm finally there. For all these reasons Marion and I were sorry to have to miss the meeting in Berlin and Dresden where, I was very pleased to learn, Sander Connolly was elected to membership.

Warm regards to all of our friends.

  
Ed Housepian

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June 2, 2005

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Dear Academicians,

My current job is that of "Czar of Wait Times". I advise the Governor of the State and the Minister of Health. Considering the fate of the last Czar of Russia, this may not be a propitious title. An interesting feature of this vast change management program, is that I now attend various seminars concerning the management of recalcitrant physicians. With inevitable and major changes in the offing, large groups of physicians are seen to be simply obstructive, completely incapable of coping with change, having an enormous sense of self entitlement, and being slow adopters of obvious technological change such as IT systems. It is quite interesting to see how some of us look, when viewed from the other side of the table.

At the University level, we unexpectedly appointed a new President of the University. This fellow is a physician and an expert on evidence analysis. He was previously Dean of Medicine. Simultaneously, a new CEO of University Health Network has been appointed (my old job). The successful candidate is a Sarcoma Surgeon, and a truly outstanding individual. Jim Rutka continues his brilliant leadership of the Neurosurgical group, and he will now be able to work with like-minded senior players in Toronto, hopefully taking things to even greater heights.

On the personal side, the Hudson Clan are all well. Susan and I were, at the last moment, unable to attend the German meeting because our daughter found that her knee repair had become infected. Six procedures later, and with all the materials having been extracted, the situation has calmed down, but she has significant damage to the medial compartment of her knee. They now discover that the absorbable screws, used in part of the reconstruction, have been recalled by the company because of lack of sterility assurance!

Susan and I had eyed a beautiful home sited on a 12-acre lot on Georgian Bay (2½ hours north of Toronto) for some years. We decided it was overvalued and did not buy it. At my recent birthday party, Susan presented me with a piece of paper, which was the deed to the house. She had quietly gone and beaten the vendor down and bought the place. I think this raises the

standard of surprise birthday gifts somewhat, and I'm not quite sure what I'm going to give her on her next birthday. We will spend more time up in Parry Sound, and this coincides with my third retirement effort, as my current job will dwindle down prior to the next state election.

Susan and I wish all our friends all the best. We will, unfortunately, be unable to attend the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alan", with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

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Dear Ralph,

In spite of my best efforts to hold down the number of faculty members, I am afraid we have gradually increased so that there are now ten full-time faculty. The most recent addition is Chris Shaffrey. We are going to be doing over 3,000 cases this year at a single hospital in Charlottesville, whose population is still only 40,000.

The *Journal of Neurosurgery* continues to evolve. In 1992 we published 12 issues. This year we will publish the regular journal, JNS:Pediatrics and JNS:Spine, a total of 36 issues. In addition, Neurosurgical Focus, under Marty Weiss' supervision, is a continued success with 12 issues a year.

My appointment as Professor and Chairman is being considered for another five year renewal until 2009. That will be forty years ago since I started, and it seems so close to fifty, that it seems a shame not to keep on going. We'll have to wait and see.

The family is doing well. My oldest daughter, Serrita, is on the faculty at Yale in Psychology and was recently married to Dr. Hugh Reilly, an ENT surgeon in New Haven. My daughter, Jennie, lives a few doors down with her husband Matt, and four boys ages 7-11. My daughter, Katherine, lives in Michigan City, Indiana with her husband and two children. My son, John, has just joined the faculty here after spending a wonderful year at the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. He is doing peds and pituitary and lives next door with his wife, Robin and children, John III and Maddie Nell.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the ABNS meeting. You and Sean did a great job on the ABNS.

Sincerely,

John A. Jane, Sr., M.D., Ph.D.



**The timing is passing away faster and faster every year as the senior's complaint, and 9 years has passed away after being a chairman of my department. My elder son Tsuyoshi is working in a computer company, planning a bank computer networks.**

**The second son, Satoshi is working in the National Neurological Research Center, and concerning to a reserch project of the neural development. I hope he could have a chance to study in the United States in the future.**

**It was a memorial period of the last year, that we are given a first grandchild from our second son. She start to walk recently speaking a few baby word, being a center of our family like a tiny queen.**

**This year will be the most busy and glorious period in my life, by organizing the 64 th Congress of the Japan Neurosurgical Society, as well as the first meeting of the World Academy of Neurological Surgery in this October. Please excuse our absence from this year's American Academy which is scheduled just before our congress.**

**My another international job is to assist the organization of skull base cadaver course in the developing countries as an activity of WFNS Skull Base Committee, and visited several countries last year, Egypt, Hong-Kong, Taiwan, Venezuela and Jordan etc. My wife Mieko, already freed from our son's care, made trips together to abroad, and enjoy their different culture and communications.**

**No major problem on our health might be a God's blessing.**

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RE: Round Robin

Dear Ralph,

I hope you and your family are well and enjoying the summer. It was very good seeing you at Sidney Goldring's memorial service. I thought the service was outstanding and Sidney would certainly have been pleased, although embarrassed, by the wonderful compliments regarding his professional and personal life.

This past year has been a very difficult year for neurosurgery at the Wake Forest University Medical Center. Dr. Eben Alexander, an esteemed and beloved member of the Academy, passed away in November at age 91. Even though physically infirmed, he continued to contribute to our specialty to the very end, remaining in almost full control of his considerable mental faculties. Betty is doing reasonably well and continues in the home and is enjoying her children and grandchildren and many friends.

We also lost Dr. Tim Pons, another member of our department, who died of liver failure secondary to hepatitis. Although probably not known widely in the neurosurgical circles, he was internationally respected for his work in neuro-physiology regarding cerebral plasticity. I believe the liver transplant program is in need of modification. When Tim was very ill he moved to the top of the transplant list and then when he recovered he would move to the bottom, but the final result was that he became so ill and developed other organ problems that he never was able to get a liver transplant. Through all of this he was very brave, never showing anger or despondency.

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In addition, Dr. Mike McWhorter, also an academician, passed away from metastatic renal disease. Mike remained the great guy that he was until the very end. He went through a great deal of discomfort, unfortunately.

On a professional note, I am discontinuing surgery on June 30th of this year. I do not look at this situation fondly because I still have considerable energy and am in good shape physically as far as I know, and have a large practice. But the facts are that I would have to work for about six months to pay my malpractice premium. Even though we are self-insured it is a large number, and therefore I am stopping. Charlie Branch has asked me to stay on for another year, and my role will be that of teaching the residents, supervise the resident clinic, continue to see patients, and consultations in the hospital. I'm going to try it for a year.

I have been extremely fortunate and will be eternally grateful to have worked with so many outstanding neurosurgical colleagues and residents through the years. It has truly been a privilege to have been on the faculty at our fine institution and been of some service to our state and community from a neurosurgical standpoint.

Sally and I are doing fine. We continue to enjoy are seven grandchildren, attending the usual swim meets, dancing, soccer matches, award ceremonies, graduations, etc. All seem to be thriving and growing up very nicely.

I would like to be playing tennis but my hips won't allow it. I am playing more golf and I am finally seeing my handicap drop from 17 to 12. Golf technology is great!

We won't be attending the Academy this year but wish for all members and their guests to have a wonderful and rewarding meeting.

Sincerely,



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Re: Round Robin

Dear Ralph;

Everybody knows it. Doctors make lousy patients. As it turns out, I was no exception. Over four years I watched my PSA climb from 1.6 to 2.8 to 3.6 to 4.8. As we passed each other in the halls of the hospital my internist, Howie Weintraub, prodded me to see a urologist. I ignored him. He then wrote me a letter telling me to see a urologist a year or so ago. I ignored that too. I continued to sail on, more concerned with the daily *sturm und drang* than my own health. I'm not sure whether I was more concerned with the health of others than my own or perhaps I believed that bad health affects others, not me. Nonetheless, I know intellectually that God always figures out some way of taking all of our souls off this planet at one time or another. So when my PSA hit 5.1, I finally got religion.

A prostate biopsy isn't the worst thing I've endured, but it's no picnic. Suffice it to say that I promised myself, then and there, that I would thereafter avoid a trip to the big house. Still I found it hard to believe that anything could actually be physically wrong with me. When the NYU urologist (whose calls I'd been dodging) caught me in the OR between brain tumors and matter-of-factly reported that 6 of the 12 biopsy specimens were "positive" (i.e. cancer), I empathized with him. How many times have I been the bearer of bad news? ("I'm terribly sorry, Mr. Jones, but the pathology of your tumor showed glioblastoma".) The urologist prattled on about Gleason scores and treatment options (interstitial irradiation, conformal irradiation and surgery – radical prostatectomy). As I watched them intubate my second brain tumor of the day, my mind was considering "head position, how far to open the fissure, position of the arteries over the insula, maybe use the CUSA....".

I did my second brain tumor, then the third; thinking no more about the conversation I'd had with the urologist. At dinner that evening I mentioned nothing about it to Carol. I was feeling mellow after a shot of Jameson's and a glass of Pinot Grigio. As we were lying on the bed watching CSI Las Vegas and as I was sipping a Benedictine and Brandy (B&B), Carol asked, "Have you heard yet how the biopsy turned out?"

I answered casually. "Well, it looks like a little bit of cancer."

"Cancer!" She said, sitting bolt upright. "What did they recommend you do?"

I really didn't want to think about it just then (or ever). "Well, there's surgery or radiation or radiation implants – like Rudy [Giuliani] had.

"What are you going to do?" she demanded.

Actually, I hadn't put much thought into it. "Well, I'm a surgeon... I guess I'll have surgery. To do something else would be... hypocritical". I took another sip of my B&B.

"Surgery!" Carol responded. "What are we going to tell Caitlin?" Caitlin, now 16 years old, was at her boarding school in the Cotswolds in England.

"Tell her I've got prostate cancer and have to have surgery"

"You can't tell her you have cancer!" She answered. "Fernanda had cancer and she died. Caitlin's going into her midterms. Hearing that you have cancer will really upset her."

Fernanda had been our next-door neighbor. She was an elegant divorced woman who'd been married to a Wall Street high-rolling mover and shaker – until he went to jail for two years, divorced Fernanda and married a woman half his age.. Fernanda had been like a second mother to our daughter since Caitlin was five years old. A few years ago, Fernanda was found to have ovarian cancer, had surgery at Columbia where peritoneal metastases were found. Chemotherapy was ineffective. She died four months later.

Because she'd been such a good friend, we bought her apartment from the estate and joined it to ours. Months later, I found a yellow Post-IT note stuck inside the bookcase that had surrounded Fernanda's bed. The note said:

"Dear Fernanda,

I hope that you are happy where you are. Life is not the same without you here. I really miss you.

Love,  
Caitlin"

Carol was right. We had to be very careful about what we told Caitlin. We decided that we'd tell her that I had a problem than men get and needed a surgery that was not too serious. The "C" word would not be mentioned. And this conversation made the situation real to me.

The next day, I called Bob, an old friend of mine, a neurosurgeon in Boston. He'd had surgery for prostate cancer a few years ago and did very well. Bob, who was probably busier than I was, stopped whatever he was doing and was very generous with his time. He asked: "What's your Gleason' score?"

I tried to recall the conversation with the NYU urologist. "I seem to remember the number 7," I answered.

"That's what I had". Bob said. He then went on to a clear discussion of the rationale of surgery for men in our age group, the problems in the post-op period and encouragement on how it all turns out. He generously supplied his home phone number in case I had more questions and suggested that Carol give his wife a call if she had any questions.

My major question was: who did his surgery?

" Pat Walsh at Hopkins", Bob answered.

When you are a surgeon on the staff of a hospital and you need surgery, where do you have it done? If you don't have surgery at your institution, are you saying that you don't trust the hospital or its surgeons? (The institution is good enough for my patients but when I'm sick I'm getting the hell out of there.) The hypocrisy bothered me.

But I did trust my institution; the nursing care at NYU is superb and the medical staff is outstanding. The Department of Urology is world-class and the Chairman of Urology, Herb Lepore, had trained with Pat Walsh. Herb's specialty was, indeed, radical suprapubic prostatectomy. Herb started paying special attention to me and I could see that it may be embarrassing for him if I were to go elsewhere for surgery. Certainly, a number of NYU's staff had undergone surgery by me, including the dean as well as other Department chairs or their families. How would it look for Herb and his Department if the Chairman of Neurosurgery were to "thumb his nose at NYU" and go elsewhere for surgery? Nonetheless, I felt that I needed to go elsewhere for other reasons.

In 1987 while at Mayo, I'd undergone a thoraco-abdominal exploration for a retroperitoneal suprarenal mass by Marty Adson ( the son of Al Adson – the famous neurosurgeon). The mass was thought to be cancerous but at surgery was found to be an "ancient hematoma" from an old injury. Marty's surgery "cured" me. But I had a very long scar, a numb abdomen and flaccid lower abdominal obliques. Marty did what he had to do. But my relationship with him had changed. Before surgery we'd been friends. But our interactions were not the same after that. I always felt that he seemed guilty and seeing him made me notice the numb right side of my abdominal wall.

In addition, I recalled that as I was recuperating in the hospital back in 1987, the parade of well-meaning colleagues and well-wishers was tiring. The Catholic Chaplain actually laughed at me: "Now you see what it's like being on the other side of the bed, don't you, doctor?" Friends would try visiting me as I sat on the can trying to get over my ileus, etc., etc. – not a pleasant experience. And at Mayo in 1987, I was just an Indian, so to speak. At NYU, I'm a Chairman who generates a pile of money for the institution. I could just see the parade of administrators (who I can't stand even under the best of circumstances) filing through, wanting to know when I'd be back in the saddle.

The bottom line here: it would be a favor to everyone at NYU (including myself) if I had my surgery elsewhere. The worst thing to do is to operate on a colleague. If I went elsewhere, Herb, a friend as well as a colleague, wouldn't feel guilty if I couldn't get it up or was peeing on my shoes. And my relationship with him would not change. I just wanted to be a simple anonymous patient

So I decided to have my surgery at Johns Hopkins. "Dr. Walsh is the 'Pat Kelly' of prostate surgery" one enthusiastic NYU urologist colleague told me. "Jesus! Heaven help me", I thought. I took the train to Baltimore.

Johns Hopkins is in a part of the city that looks like the South Bronx – a demilitarized zone. I did the pre-op testing and had the pathology reviewed before meeting with Dr. Pat Walsh. I'd read his book: "Surviving Prostate Cancer" and did a Medline search. He was clearly a star who had a strong focus in this disease. Meeting him, however, was an anti-climax. He was a slight man, unassuming, somewhat abrupt and "all-business". This was fine, I thought. I was looking for a surgeon, not a drinking buddy.

"Joe Epstein (prostate pathologist at Hopkins) reads your pathology as a Gleason 8, not 7," Pat told me, almost at the outset. "There's a chance we can cure you with a radical but then maybe you'll need radiation."

This was not what I wanted to hear. But I kept quiet. This, I thought, was my penance, for all of those pre-op conferences I'd had with poor patients harboring high grade gliomas. As they silently begged for hope, I was intent on giving them "informed consent". The shoe was now on the other foot. So I kept quiet and listened. Pat pulled out his pocket notebook. "Well, I have some time on March 1<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon".

"I'll take it," I said.

"You need to lose some weight", he said. "It'll make the surgery easier."

"I'll do it", I said.

And the consultation was over. This was not a man, nor was it the time, for making small talk. I stopped by the business office. I was told that my health insurance wasn't very good. No surprise there – it was, after all, supplied by NYU. I gave them a credit card to cover the uncovered fees and expenses. Again, penance for all those poor brain tumor patients in New York with crummy

insurance who had to mortgage homes or take out loans to cover the uncovered costs of my surgeries. The shoe was on the other foot.

I went on a diet, started walking to work and hit the gym a few times a week. I started losing weight and lost 30 lbs. After a while I no longer needed the blood pressure medications. I'd also been taking medication for hypercholesterolemia. I had that checked and found that it had dropped to a level that I probably hadn't seen since I was 7 years old! All of this was the easy part. The hard part was telling people that I wasn't going to be around for a while. Bob had told me that he tried to get back to work one month after surgery. It had been hard for him and he said that he'd wished he'd taken 2 months off before operating again. The financial hit of a two months absence would be substantial considering the overhead of a practice in Manhattan. Others would also be affected. I delayed telling people but had to face this task sooner or later.

I met with the dean, told him my diagnosis and that I wouldn't be working for a while. He tried to be sympathetic. However, I struggled with suppressing a smile when I imagined, over his head, a cartoon dollar bill sprouting wings and flying away as in a Bugs Bunny movie. I gathered all of my residents together and told them so that they wouldn't have to hear it by rumor. They were concerned; two of them had tears in their eyes. Sick as it may seem, I was heartened by their concern. Perhaps they did like me after all.

I told my patients so they wouldn't expect me to be available for a month or so. But, I must confess, I was not only giving them an FYI, I was also telling them: "Hey, I'm one of you. I've got cancer too. I can relate to what you're going through". They were all sympathetic, reassuring and many offered prayers for my recovery. Of course, the playing field wasn't level here. My patients had gliomas, most of them incurable. I had prostate cancer. At least I had a chance of being cured. But, at least I felt then that my patients and I were weathering life's ironies together.

On the morning of March 1<sup>st</sup> Carol and I took the Acela from Penn Station to Baltimore. We went first class. I felt that if I were going to my execution why not go in style? We checked into a hotel on the waterfront and took a cab through the demilitarized zone of Baltimore to the Brady Urological Institute (funded by New York's "Diamond" Jim Brady). The preoperative procedures went smoothly and I was impressed at the efficiency.

Before long I was laying on a cart in the pre-op area being interviewed by the anesthesiologist. She told me that the procedure would be done under spinal anesthesia with sedation. Dr. Elliott, the anesthesiologist, was a pleasant woman and we chatted a bit. She asked what I did. I told her. She asked what kind of surgeries I did. Mostly brain tumors, I replied as she started the sedation.

Pat Walsh stopped by the cart to ask how I was doing. He told me not to worry; he had done about 3600 of these procedures. Dr. Elliott then asked me how many brain tumors I'd done. "About 6500", I said, starting to feel the effects of the sedation but still alert enough to see Carol look up and to the right - something she does whenever I say something stupid. I then sensed Dr Walsh becoming a little defensive, stating that he could have done more cases but had spent a lot of time perfecting the nerve-sparing prostatectomy procedure that he'd pioneered and planned to do on me.



“Asshole!”, I admonished myself. This was a fine time for starting a “mine’s bigger” urinating contest with a surgeon who will be operating on me in a few minutes. I mentally beat up on myself as I slipped more into a daze on the way to the operating room. I was his third and last case of the day.

Anyway the surgery went well. I don’t remember the spinal. I do remember waking, hearing the surgeons talking and talking to Dr. Elliott who judiciously put me back into Neverland. When surgery had finished, Dr. Walsh went to talk to Carol.

“He was absolutely beaming”, Carol said. “He was very happy that the cancer was specimen confined, that he’d gotten all of it and that he’s saved the nerves.” When I heard this, my thoughts drifted to my own behavior when I talked to families following a surgery. “Beaming” is not how I would describe my demeanor. Usually, I’m tired and I’m still giving informed consent when families want to hear something good. They want hope. They want a surgeon who beams. I resolved to work on my beaming.

Recovery was a blur, really. However, when you are a patient, all dignity is suspended. I recall standing at the washbasin, “buck nekked” (as they’d say in Texas), with tubes going in and out of me. A large African-American nurse’s aid was barking orders at me. The absurdity of this finally hit me.

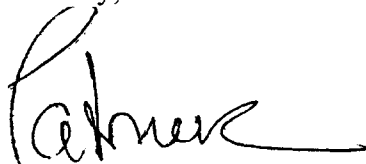
“Madame, do you realize that I am a world famous brain surgeon!”

She gave a hearty chuckle and said, “Dat don’t mean nuttin’ to me, honey. Now you wash yo face!” My wife saw more humor in this interchange than I did.

Two days in the hospital; one day in the hotel; train trip back to Manhattan schlepping a catheter and a bag. After three weeks, I was out of my mind with boredom and went back to work. Work before continence – thank God for Depends! In a month I was back with Max Koslow and friends at the Vanguard, drinking a Jameson’s or two and listening to the best jazz on the planet.

And NYU remains the same, continues to hop from crisis to crisis, but, somehow (don’t ask me how), it survives. Well, not exactly; the institution survives; the people come and go. Some make an impression, some change things for better or worse. But most just stay employed for a while and impact on the lives of others. Hopefully, that impact is positive. Carol and I went to the AANS meeting in New Orleans and it was especially good to see old friends there. But life, even life in which one dribbles on one’s shoes as one staggers up Bourbon Street after one Hurricane too many at Pat O’Brien’s, yes, even that life, beats the hell out of any alternative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick J Kelly', written in a cursive style.

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The American Academy of Neurological Surgeons

Round Robin Letter

Dear Academicians:

There is no question that time moves faster once we age. Most important new developments are with the family. Our neuroradiologist daughter presented us with a new granddaughter May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005. We are leaving tomorrow, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, to see the new arrival in London where my daughter resides with her husband who works for Morgan Stanley at Canary Wharf. Claudia is a lead neuroradiologist at several hospitals to include the well known Royal Hospital of Saint Bartholomew (Barts). Her husband is a devoted Yankee fan and despite his good job in London misses the United States. They plan to return to the states in a year or two. Grandson David completed a year playing hockey in the North American Hockey League picking up a few splinters sitting on the bench. We will just wait to see how his career develops. Son Jonathan has discovered the mortgage and plans to get married in September to a lovely young woman who will enhance the family gene pool. Son Daniel has relocated to California and has blended in to the wonderful Southern California ambience. So Cal has a wonderful way of homogenizing people/taking crafty New Englanders, tough hard-bitten mid-Westerners, and putting them into a climatic cuisinart and they become mellow, bland, and wear crazy shirts! In truth this is God's country and Marie-Claire has made a heaven on earth out of our home, garden, pool, and citrus grove. In fact the only academicians that asked for citrus was Fern Clark and she can testify as to what we are producing.

Our trip to Europe will be for 24 days. We plan a barge trip through the canals of Burgundy for one-week that will be punctuated by bike riding, hiking, and simply enjoying a part of France that tourists rarely visit. Our visit to Paris will be a great one. Marie-Claire's mother is 96, bright and alert and a very exceptional individual who remains perceptive and loving. We have a number of surgical contacts in Europe as a result of the clip and there will be some reunions with clipologists in Europe. These clipologists make it possible for me to make cashectomies from my checking account! Last year I was invited to Debrecen Hungary by the International Society for Experimental Microsurgery to give some talks. The clip is popular in Europe. Our neurosurgical center is a glorious escape from the pressures of clinical neurosurgery / billing, resident hours, malpractice.

June 5, 2005

Round Robin Letter

We are now in the third year of a 6.8 million dollar NIH grant studying iron metabolism alterations in Mild Cognitive Impairment and its relationship to Alzheimer's disease development. Dr. Ronald Petersen of the Mayo Clinic is a consultant to our project and has been a valuable resource. We have a new iron imaging technique based on susceptibility weighted magnetic resonance imaging developed by a physicist in Detroit, a proteomics study in collaboration with Dr. Lance Liotta (formerly of the NIH), and a genomics study in collaboration with Translational Genomics of Phoenix Arizona. I keep an appointment as a professor of Biochemistry and have two excellent graduate students, one from the Freie University of Berlin and the other an M.D./Ph.D. candidate at Loma Linda University.

Most exciting is a new procoagulant made out of crab shells (chitosan), and potatoes (Sephadex). We are collaborating with the University of Nanjing Bioengineering Department and will give you more details later.

Signing off now because there are two gentlemen who want to sell me lab coats, a lab associates who wants to ask me questions I can't answer about our SWI imaging and the need to make a phone call to Detroit. Hope we see you at Half Moon Bay. Dr. Petersen asked me about this meeting when he was visiting last February.

Best regards,



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**RE: ACADEMY ROUND ROBIN**

Dear Academy Members:

We have dodged another hurricane bullet although the tropical storm “Cindy” preceding it put a tree down on our cottage behind the Fairway Avenue house and split a backyard tree in half and caused much damage to the large Oaks in the Cemetery behind our backyard.

Since this I am beginning a 35<sup>th</sup> year as Head here a search for a new Head was requested, thankfully granted, and to date 12 outside and 2 inside candidates have been interviewed. Three have been back for a 2<sup>nd</sup> visit and one other due back in September. Hopefully, this matter will be resolved in the next year then I would like to work for a year or so without the administrative responsibilities. My thanks to those of you who attended some of the festivities in New Orleans at the time of the AANS Meeting.

Nell has been refurbishing two floors of a French Quarter row house on Conti and we will then use that as a New Orleans base but also spend a good deal of time below Blowing Rock, NC in the Pisgah Forest.

All children, mine and Nell’s are doing well and Nell continues to teach pre-school at Trinity in the Garden District here in New Orleans.

Most of the spare professional time spent trying to shape up the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Kline and Hudson’s Nerve Injuries Co-Editors are D. Kim, J. Murovic, R. Midha, R. Tiel, and R. Spinner. We hope 2006 will provide daylight for it.

The Trauma I load and documentation responsibilities continue to grow at MCLNO-Charity while the private and more elective services at Ochsner, Touro, and Children’s continue to flourish and even expand.

Hope everyone has a great year.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ralph:

Whenever I get the invitation to write the annual round-robin letter, it always reminds me of the round-robin hockey tournament I used to play in as a boy in Toronto. Hockey teams from different areas would get together, and in the course of a given weekend, our team would play between three and six games as long as we did not lose. I remember my parents feverishly driving between hockey games in different arenas in order to get me to the next game. The term "round-robin" to me still brings memories of frenetic travel through the streets of Toronto.

Each year I am torn whether to write about the current status of academic neurosurgery, add a few family updates, or branch out into unknown territory. Last week Dade Lunsford and I spent four days in Stockholm. It was an opportunity to have some wonderful dinners with old friends and to listen to stories that date back to the eras of Olivecrona and Leksell. Although I never met Lars Leksell, I have grown close to his sons, Dan and Larry, and others such as Christer Lindquist and other members of the old Karolinska guard. It was a treat to sit around and listen to tales of European neurosurgery but also to learn more about the personalities of the men themselves; stories on how Lars Leksell raised his children, how he dealt with the "exuberance" of his teen-age sons, how he worked with and mentored colleagues, and his attention to detail when composing a scientific manuscript. It is always a pleasure when I visit Stockholm to visit with such friends and to go back to a different era of neurosurgery, one that was perhaps a little more thoughtful, moved at a slower pace, but was full of creativity and innovation - despite the fact that the personal computer had yet to be developed.

Susan and I wish all our friends in the Academy well and look forward to seeing you at Half Moon Bay.

Sincerely yours,

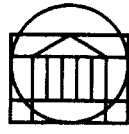
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**From:** Joan T. Seaver [mailto:jkurze@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2005 7:18 PM  
**To:** Schillizzi, Jeanette  
**Subject:** Kurze's neuroscience lab

Dear Dr. Dacey,

As Ted Kurze's widow, I'm writing to tell you that a neuroscience lab has been dedicated to Ted at his college, Washington College in Chestertown, MD. The lab will open in 2006, and it will be directly adjacent to a new, "state of the art" Science Center on campus. I certainly want to thank all the neurosurgeons who helped make this possible. Needless to say, Ted would be very proud, and of course, he is sorely missed!

As ever,  
Joan Kurze



DEPARTMENT OF  
NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY  
June 11, 2005

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**Re: Round Robin Letter**

Dear Ralph:

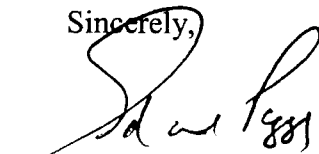
Peggy and I have had an exciting year and I am pleased to report that the family is all well and continues to expand with the birth of Natalie Gentry just at the beginning of May of this year, making our 6<sup>th</sup>. We have been busy both with clinical and academic work and with travel related to finally finishing up as President of the American College of Surgeons and as President of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies. By the time you get this we will be in Morocco and hopefully enjoying a really fabulous International Congress.

At home, things are going quite well and I am delighted that John Jane, Jr., who is now on the faculty in charge of pediatric neurosurgery, has also maintained his interest in pituitary surgery, and he and I work together on a very close basis.

Traveling around to the various Chapters of the American College of Surgeons has been a real eye opener for me in beginning to understand the issues that confront the typical practicing surgeon in these difficult times. The crisis proportions our lack of neurosurgical manpower and apparent inability to staff trauma systems appropriately is a real concern, as is the recruitment of young talented individuals into surgery, in general and neurosurgery, in particular. I hope we can all work together to meet these challenges.

We very much look forward to seeing you in Half Moon Bay. With all best wishes.

Sincerely,



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June 15, 2005

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Dear Academicians:

The last year has not been distinguished by any particular events. Following our enjoyable meeting in Berlin and Dresden, Harriett and I drove to Prague. The high light was hearing "The Marriage of Figaro" in the theater where Modzart himself conducted the Prague premiere.

Harriett's father died in January, ten days before his 102 birthday. No other family news of any major changes. Kim continues on the faculty of The Johns Hopkins University, but she limits her teaching duties because of our two grand children Tom and Lauren, now 10 and nearly 12. Elizabeth is still at the University of Chicago as co-director of a digital research center. She is completing a Master's Degree in the Book and Paper Arts, just for fun. David lives in Baltimore. His wife, Liz, completed a Hopkin's Ph.D. this year and will remain as a post-doctoral fellow in our School of Public Health. David has taken a new position with Laureate and is now a Vice-President in that organization. The principal business is operation of a number of colleges, technical schools, and universities throughout the world.

I have maintained an active surgical schedule and continue to do so, though I plan to begin to reduce volumes this year. I have already curtailed the number of the complex skull base cases and I now concentrate on the spine. I am still operating on a modest number of acoustic tumors, but I am gradually reducing that number, as well. We have a new clinical project aimed at better understanding of the causes of spinal pain.



Ralph G. Dacey, Jr., M.D.  
June 15, 2005

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About two years ago, we started on a project which culminated in two ponds connected by a stream and surrounded by a dwarf conifer collection of about 50 trees. It was meant to be a retirement project and it is. Maintenance is a formidable undertaking. We decided we didn't want the bother of a second home; so, we are just doing everything to our place that is needed to make it as ideal year-round, as possible. Many of our friends are leaving their big old houses in Baltimore for condominium living. We have decided to stay where we are for as long as we can physically be there. That means Harriett and I are alone in a 19-room house; so, if any of you have any reason to be in Baltimore, please let us know. The Blythewood Bed and Breakfast is always open to academicians.

We look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

Yours sincerely,



Don M. Long, M.D., Ph.D.

DML/mk

May 2, 2005

Dear Colleagues:

Academic leadership continues to provide challenges. Recently, John Bolton was interviewed by the Senate for confirmation for the US UN Ambassador. One of his advisories was asked to describe his management style. The commentators view was "he is a kiss up, kick down guy". This terse commentary certainly defined a personality management style, but it got me to thinking a little bit about the inverse position that academic neurosurgical chairs occasionally find themselves in in the present arena, i.e. faculty needs often lead to a "kiss down, kick up" response of their faculty to the current leadership.

It is not necessary to tell you that we live in tough times. Under the current paradigm, we are basically middle managers, reporting continuously and extensively to our faculty, and to our bosses, the deans, hospital CEO's and practice plan leadership that continually remind us that academic achievement may have gotten us here, but management style - the ability to be a "kiss up, kick down guy" may be the most important issue at this time.

Nonetheless, academic life and academic leadership remain rewarding. Our greatest benefit is surrounding ourselves with people smarter than we are, especially the next generation of residents. I have this overall creeping feeling that those entering medicine may become shift workers. I hope that a few select individuals with all the right stuff still want to go into neurosurgery despite the work and reimbursement issues, and the life style demands. Still, the greatest excitement is training the next generation, plus the excitement of the clinical problems, the research opportunities, and the companionship of bright and energetic colleagues.

Neurosurgeons are a hot commodity, as any of you know who have tried to recruit either for a clinical or an academic practice. Whether we did or did not practice successful restraint of residency training slots, we have seen the number of practicing neurosurgeons dwindle, the number of residents being trained more or less fixed, and the cost of a new neurosurgeon dramatically increase. Many new graduates are simply negotiating salaried positions with hospital systems, perhaps the best approach to pursue. Why should we continue to fight for an increasingly shrinking professional revenue when our affiliated institutions are raking in the big bucks on the technical side regardless of the insurance provider? For high demand neurosurgical specialists, it is likely that the best future is to have institutions do both the Part A and Part B billing, and negotiate for a fixed compensation independent of the woes of professional reimbursement. But, I digress from the real purpose of this letter.

Julie and I are well. We recently built a fantastic Sarasota condo overlooking a nature preserve on the Gulf of Mexico replete with golf, tennis, swimming and exercise facilities. Each time I leave, I wonder about whether we should stay. Julie is working as a docent at the Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh, which is a fantastic organization with a wonderful collection. My daughter, Stephanie, is working for our Intellectual Property and Clinical Trials Office at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. My son, Andy, is traveling the Cleveland to Erie to West Virginia and Ohio circuit and is involved in the care and maintenance of high tech radiation equipment, a job as a field service engineer which he truly likes. Recreational activities get fitted in, as well as an occasional trip. We look forward to seeing you in California.

Yours sincerely,

L. Dade Lunsford, M.D.



SCHOOL OF  
MEDICINE

Department of Surgery  
Division of Neurosurgery  
James Markert, M.D.  
June 30, 2005

Dear Fellow Academicians:

Time continues to fly, and it's time for another Round Robin Letter! Laili and I remain proud and busy parents, with the ever-elusive goal of three consecutive uninterrupted nights of sleep remaining as yet unattained. Hooper is now two years old, and quite chatty. He has taken a liking to "basketball" as he calls it, and perhaps one day will grow into his nickname. He's scrawny but scrappy, and catches on to things quickly. Jack is getting ready to enter 4-K in the fall and remains a good-natured child who is constantly looking out for Hooper—unless he's tackling/wrestling with him. He's having good success this summer with learning to swim but his knock-knock jokes leave something to be desired. Tara will be turning nine (seems like she was a newborn just yesterday) this summer and continues in her role as second mother to her younger brothers. She has become the family magician and is currently taking chess lessons. She is looking to buy a new book –“How to Beat Your Dad at Chess”--but in the meantime has discovered the real secret—wait until he's dead-tired and wake him up when it's his turn to move. She'll start fourth grade in the fall and continues to be an avid reader as well as goalie for her soccer team. Life with these children is a blessing, and Laili and I feel truly fortunate.

Laili remains in temporary retirement from her career as a clinical psychologist and continues to keep up with continuing education, etc. In addition to the 24/7 job of mothering, she continues to serve on the planning committee for a regional Baha'i school that occurs annually. We both remain quite active in our local community as well.

Life at UAB remains rich and rewarding. My fellow faculty is a talented and energetic bunch, and a recent influx of junior members has even further added to the innovation and breadth of our practice. Our residents continue to be top-rate, and our first resident has begun our new two-year Neuro-Oncology research fellowship this summer. Both our Brain Tumor SPORE and Program Project grant continue to produce interesting data, and recently we've opened an exciting new trial examining the synergy of our genetically engineered HSV vectors with radiation. All in all, things are moving along rapidly but well.

Hoping that all of you are well, and looking forward to the meeting in Half Moon Bay—

Yours truly,

*Jim and Laili Markert*

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June, 19, 2005

Dear Fellow Academicians,

Since this is our first submission to The Round Robin we will start with a bit of an introduction. We celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2004 with a trip to Australia, visiting the Bullo River Cattle Ranch in the outback and Lizard Island. We have two grown children, Todd and Terre, who have blessed us with three grandchildren, Ashley, Alex, and Dylan, whom we try visit as often as possible.

This has been a very busy and productive year for the both of us. Barbara is a special consultant for Emory Healthcare where she is assigned to manage Departments who are doing poorly financially with the expectation they will become profitable members of the Institution. Arguably she adds more to the bottom line at Emory than does my practice in Pediatric Neurosurgery. I have been busy as the Program Director at Emory, President of the Medical Staff at Childrens Healthcare of Atlanta , and President -Elect of the American Society of Pediatric Neurosurgeons. I have learned a lot this year about the "back room" management of our Childrens hospital.

When we find the time we enjoy getting away to our home in coastal Georgia, the charms of which we were introduced to by the Morawetz's, whose advice and seemingly unlimited supply of hardware and tools has kept our home and vehicles functioning.

We both look forward to the professional and personal camaraderie of the Academy.

Barbara & Timothy Mapstone



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**Robert L. Martuza, M.D.**  
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June 5, 2005

Dear academicians:

This has been a busy year for Jill and myself. On the hospital front, things have been going well but it has been a season of many grants and site visits and other time-consuming, necessary, but not-so-enjoyable events. However, this past fall, we had our first opportunity to visit China. I gave a few lectures and visited the operating rooms in Shanghai and Beijing. Then Jill and I toured both cities as well as the nearby areas. I know many of you have been there but it was a first for us and, indeed, it is quite a country. Other meetings took us to Japan and Costa Rica and after the upcoming Cancer Center site visit in a few weeks, we will be going to Tuscany to stay in the apartment of a friend of ours just outside of Florence. For once, this will be purely vacation and we are both looking forward to it a great deal.

At the hospital, all is well although in the current health care environment, sometimes I feel we are just trying to stay one step ahead of the next major change in the system. I finished my position on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Neurosurgery a month ago but still remain active and very busy with the ABNS.

On the home front, Jill remains active with her quilting group "The MGH Comforters" and received a service award from the hospital. The group makes quilts for adult and pediatric patients at the hospital, usually those in ICUs or in other dire straits, and the patients get to take them home as a reminder of their stay and recovery. They have made about two hundred such quilts to date. Our oldest daughter, Robin just joined one of the major architectural firms just outside of Cambridge and is loving it. She is planning a January New England wedding....yes that's right January .....don't even ask! In any case, she and Jill go shopping on weekends for whatever mothers and daughters go shopping for in such circumstances. Me? I am looking for a good pair of boots that go with a tuxedo!

Our other two children still live in Portland, Oregon. Kathi and her husband Kester are in the Oregon Ballet Theater and our son Chris remains an aspiring writer/DJ/ and does whatever else is needed to pay the bills. Usually when I go to a meeting on the west coast, Jill heads up to Portland for a visit.

We have had a tough winter in New England, but now it is finally sunny and warm. Living in Marblehead, it is great to see the sun over the ocean and more and more sailboats on the moorings each day as the summer approaches.

We both look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting this fall.

Bob and Jill Martuza

Round Robin  
Marc Mayberg  
Email to Jeanette Schillizej

The past year has been eventful for the Mayberg family. We left a great community and position in Cleveland to travel back to Seattle, where I am putting together the Seattle Neuroscience Institute as Co-Director with David Newell. The Seattle Neuroscience Institute is affiliated with Swedish Hospital, and will be a multi-specialty Neuroscience program composed of hospital employed and private practice physicians. The Swedish Hospital system has committed substantial resources to building this institute which will be focused on research and education as well as technology development.

Re-acclimating to Seattle has been a mixed blessing. We dearly miss our friends and the great schools in Cleveland (as well as affordable housing), but are also greatly enjoying the beautiful environs of Seattle and being back in proximity to Terry's family. Matthew (age 10) and Katie (age 6) are integrated into their new school, and have made many new friends. Terry has not yet resumed her second career (painting) primarily due to the amount of effort it has taken to relocate the family.

We're all looking forward to this exciting new chapter in the Mayberg family experience- I'll keep you updated.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc R. Mayberg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'R'.

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Executive Director  
Seattle Neuroscience Institute



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July 6, 2005

Dear Friends,

The last year has been one of great joy and challenges. Like most reading this note, I continue to struggle with the daily conflicts of trying to be a good pop and husband, exercising to dam the aging tide, and all consuming work obligations.

We do a lot of driving, mainly for school and after school swim practices, 3 hours each evening. On weekends, it sometimes seems that we are in the car more than at home. On Saturdays, the first swim practice commences at 5:45 am and then continues for the next 4 hours as each of our 6 kids has their turn in the lap pools. Michael Phelps is not my buddy! I guess that despite all my complaining, I don't mind the swimming practices and meets all that much. It gives me a reason to spend a lot of time with the kids. And that is good. But I am worried, since my wife has now joined the master swimmers who start at 5:30 each morning. Is she nuts, you ask? Perhaps, she married me. The kids want me to join, and I can already hear the banter: "Me, in a Speedo, are you kidding? OK, so now you're telling me that I would look gross in a Speedo, does that mean I am fat? Yes, no, you're ducking the question. I'm not bad for fifty!" Well, you can see how the conversation could quickly deteriorate. Therefore, I've made a tactical decision, to stick to swimming laps in my hot tub and sweating the weight off - anything but a speedo brief.

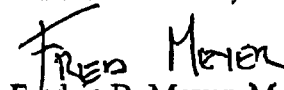
The kids are continuing to do well. For many of you reading this note, we are about the same age, but I have kids and you have grandchildren. Our oldest, Jenna age 13, is my best friend since I purchased an IPOD for her. Remember that little trick if you have a disgruntled child. She continues to qualify for State swimming championships for which we are very proud of. Ilana, who is age 12 and more temperamental than me, is also a fish, notably when doing the butterfly. Both of them went to the Stanford swim camp with mom and had a great time. Besides swimming (is there anything else?), they both have a batch of other activities including doing well in school. My oldest son Ben, age 10 is a talented kid who likes to write his own piano music that actually sounds decent- sort of sounds like Yanni of all things (not that we listen to Yanni, but I imagine that this is what Yanni's music sounds like). Ben wants to be a chef and I want him to be a Fortune 500 CEO. It looks like we will have some long conversations in the future. Jake, is a really smart kid, much like his mom. His hair is wild, pool hair, something that happened after he read a biography about Einstein. Bobby, age 6, is a guy, who likes to fish and jump and basically cause mischief. I'm on to him now. Lastly, there is little Monet, who still runs up to me when I come through the door at night to give me a big hug and kiss. God bless little kids.



My wife Irene, just completed her 4 year NIH study contract. She continues to work very hard as a neurologist and laundromat. One thing we have recently instituted is a yearly trip by ourselves down to a Caribbean hideaway for a week of sun and time off. That time is special.

My professional life has become more challenging, and I am trying my very best to do the right thing for our patients and our Department. Fortunately, the Department consists of a tremendous group of individuals including my colleagues, secretaries, nurses, and residents all of whom continue to give me solid advice for the tough decisions, grace for my mistakes, and support as I continue to learn and hopefully grow.

With best wishes,

  
Fredric B. Meyer, M.D.  
Professor and Chair

Dear Academicians:

This has been an interesting and eventful year. Richard is now on the other side of sixty, and finds that the view is somewhat different from there.

The Neurosurgery Service at UAB continues to grow. We now have fourteen full-time faculty members, and it is possible we will need more. As is the case at many institutions, we are seeing more and more trauma. UAB is the only Level One Trauma Center in Alabama, and we are seeing steadily rising numbers of referrals. This puts enormous pressure on our faculty and intensive care unit. The nursing shortage simply compounds the problem.

On a personal note, Mary Jean and I are enjoying our time in Canada. We hope any Academicians visiting Nova Scotia will make it a point to come by to see us and hopefully stay with us.

Mary Jean continues to work with children who need help with reading skills or with their study habits. She is also taking our dog Charlie to the Cancer Center once a week to spend time with children receiving radiation therapy, and to our local center for children with Down's syndrome. It is amazing to see how the children react to the dog, and what a comfort the dog can be to children with cancer.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Half Moon Bay.

Richard and Mary Jean Morawetz

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July 9, 2005

Dear Academicians,

Fiona and I look forward to Half Moon Bay this coming October. We had to miss out on Berlin last year and we are very sorry we missed what I understand was a wonderful meeting, crowned by a straight-from-the-heart Presidential Address like only Volker can give!

This year has been hectic for me professionally, here at the University of Miami, and will remain so for one or two more years. Ten years into a rather busy and quite fulfilled Cerebrovascular and Skull Base Surgery career, I decided to add Endovascular to the armamentarium. Thus I became an on-site Endovascular Fellow two days a week, under the tutelage of our recently recruited Endovascular Neurosurgeon, Alois Zauner. Fellow on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Attending the rest of the week. Professional schizophrenia at its best! "Tabula rasa" I certainly am not, but there might still be room in that "mid-level-career" brain of mine (I love these clichés) to add some new information and skill (using the term very loosely!!!). My daily clinical collaboration with residents, fellows, partners and colleagues of many disciplines remains my main source of professional joy and happiness.

I remain active in the Joint Section of CV surgery as the Treasurer. I also look forward to my assignment as Scientific Program Chairman of the WFNS meeting in Boston in 2009. I will be calling – quite soon - on all of you for your wisdom, advice and participation, to make this a stellar meeting world wide.

On the family front, our 3 children (ages 6, 8 and 10) are doing very well. Isabella (10) loves running 5K and has excelled in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. She did have a bout of post-Strep arthritis, called PSRA, not to be confused- luckily – with Rheumatic Fever, although she is on a 1 year Penicillin prophylaxis. John (8) is an excellent baseball player whose batting skills earned him the nickname of "Diesel", who also is clearly inheriting the scientific genes. And last but not least, Christina (6) cannot be more "Daddy's girl" than she is. What a delight, temporary as it may be! Probably one of the last chances in a man's life where he can still be loved "unconditionally"!

I had a scare last week when Terrorism hit London, England, as Fiona and our 3 children were in Northampton, England, contemplating to go shopping into London that specific day. They fortuitously changed their mind last minute and stayed in Northampton, at Fiona's mom. Horrible affair. On a lighter note, beware ladies, shopping can kill you!!!

Looking very much forward to seeing you all in Half Moon Bay.

Warm salutations

Jacques and Fiona Morcos

Dear Fellow Academicians,  
Elizabeth and I wish you all the best and hope you have a great time in Half Moon Bay. Unfortunately, we will be unable to join you as Molly (our third of four child) will be taking her final examination high school at this time. The year since Berlin and Dresden has rushed along with the drought in Australia possibly just breaking (beginning at the end of 2001).  
With warmest personal regards to all,  
Michael and Elizabeth Morgan



June 28, 2005

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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

RE: Round Robin Letter

Dear Ralph,

Indiana University Neurosurgery is doing well, but we seem to be getting paid less for our endeavors. It seems as though the academic medical centers are again becoming the true "safety net hospitals". We are glad to serve the suffering as long as we can pay the bills.

Our health care system is planning to build a clinical Neuroscience Center of Excellence beginning in 2008. It will bring all the neurosciences under one roof. A basic neuroscience institute was created two years ago and is housed within one of the new research buildings. Our health care system will break ground for a new cancer hospital in June of this year.

Son, Jonathon, married Barbara Ceccarini in New York City in April this year. Father George Rutler officiated the service at the Church of Our Savior. His older brother Benjamin will be moving from New York City to Chicago in August. He intends to further develop his wine auction career.

The professional liability crisis has improved somewhat with the improved stock market. Effective reform is still needed. In a survey done by the Society of Neurological Surgeons, the current crisis is definitely having an adverse effect on the mission of our training programs. It is also affecting neurosurgical manpower and the types of cases that are being done both in private practice and in the academic medical centers. Although national reform is a long term goal, it is still more likely to get reform on a state by state level.

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Tere and I were thrilled to participate in the academy meeting in Berlin and Dresden. We are looking forward to the trip to Half Moon Bay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Paul B. Nelson, M.D.  
Betsey Barton Professor  
Chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery

July 8th 2005

Dear friends,

Life continues to be good. We have no serious illness, and all of us are happy most of the time.

Peter is preparing to enter the 7th grade at the Mt Brook Junior High School. He did well academically last year and enjoys soccer and tennis.

He has many good friends but has not discovered the opposite sex yet. The highlight of the year was his teams' performance in the JUNA (Junior United Nations Assembly) competition. His team represented Bangladesh and carried the resolution of the day concerning solutions for global warming in that country. From Camp Mac this summer he wrote back that he won the Wimbledon (equivalent, for his age group) in the Camp and both Jean and I look forward to following his lucrative career in the pro tennis circuit.

Matthew turned 15 and with the coming of that age acquired the coveted driving learners permit. He is making progress, but he's not quite ready to tackle Birmingham traffic in his father's Lexus convertible...although he can't wait to try. Matthew's claim to fame was being appointed to the varsity soccer team as a freshman. Only one other boy has ever been so honored (but he's really good). Matthew is an enforcer for the defense.

That translates to he is strong and muscular and even as a freshman doesn't get pushed around a great deal. This summer, he is completing his second year at Outward Bound, the Hurricane Island course, in Maine. He starts 10th grade at the Mt Brook High School in the fall.

Jean has been employed at UAB as a hand surgeon for almost two years now.

Originally she wanted to work "part time" but that quickly evolved into a full clinical load. That didn't slow up the car pool for the sport of the season. Starting this month she did manage to alter the call schedule so she only has to cover the trauma at Children's and not the University. With that change, her life got much more in control. She is an avid "dog walker", walking each weekday morning at 6 with Mary Jean Morawetz, Duke (our overly large Brittany), and Mary Jean's two (much more well behaved) King Charles Cavalier Spaniels, Charlie and Albert. They have become quite the walking team.

My life at Children's is going to get much better in August with the return of a 4th partner in the pediatric group. The academic production continues and the JNS reviewing is manageable. This spring I became the Surgeon in Chief for the Children's Hospital.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Half Moon Bay.

Jean and Jerry Oakes



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June 17, 2005

Dear Friends,

Ten years into retirement, and life seems to have speeded up rather than slowed down. Julie keeps busy doing an art program for third graders in a public school, plus being a very active board member with the Visiting Nurse Service of New York. We now spend about 3-4 days each week in the City and an equal time in Vermont, all year around. That makes a good excuse for keeping the airplane in the air. I take a fair amount of flight training, and I always ask the instructors if I should stop flying, and thus far they've always told me to keep going. There will come a time to stop, and I am psyched to recognize it.

No doubt that the big event of the year was the marriage of our youngest, Xander, to Dennise in May in Portland. They have a year-old daughter, and, at the moment, all three are honeymooning in Tuscany with some friends. Dennise administers a radio station, and Xander is running for the county commission ([www.votexander.org](http://www.votexander.org)).

Meanwhile, we go to lots of neurosurgical meetings, where, after all, many of our best friends can be found. I would have found it difficult to give up at the same time both the profession and the people. Stopping practice was shock aplenty.

See you all on the shores of Half Moon Bay.

Best regards,

*Russel*



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July 13, 2005

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Dear Ralph:

The deadline for the Academy Round Robin is now past and I'll have to make this letter both spontaneous and short.

Most importantly, things are fine with the Piepgras family and this summer we are enjoying visits from each of our 3 sons along with 2 daughters-in-law, 1 "significant other" and 5 grandchildren. We feel very blessed.

After considerable thought and some vacillation, Jane and I have given the "go ahead" for building a second dwelling, first conceptualized as a "cabin" but now on the drawing board as a year round home, in northern most Minnesota on lakeside property we purchased in partnership with the Morawetz's seven years ago. With my schedule and commitments to neurosurgery easing off a bit and retirement visible on the horizon, the motivation for getting this project underway became strong. It's been a desire of mine to have a dwelling close to the Boundary Waters Wilderness but, suffice it to say, Jane is not thrilled about the prospect of year round living in the north woods, particularly January through April. In any event, we are excited about the project and hope that by next year we can be spending some long weekends and vacation time there, especially with family and friends who will also enjoy observing wildlife, fishing, canoeing, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing or just reading by the fire.

Being free of departmental chairmanship this past year has been wonderful. Fred Meyer is doing a great job handling the reigns. Again I must say we are blessed in our department with superb institutional support, wonderful colleagues, PAs, nurses, secretaries and a great group of residents whose depth of knowledge is wondrous. I do have the ongoing concern after two years experience with limited resident duty hours, that the acquisition of professional discipline, particularly the primacy of patient welfare over self interest, may suffer. I guess the challenge for all of us is to see that it does not.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Half Moon Bay.

Sincerely,

David G. Piepgras, M.D.  
Professor of Neurosurgery

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American Academy of Neurological Surgeons  
Round Robin note  
Larry and Mary Pitts  
July 9, 2005

This has been an eventful year. Larry returned full-time to UCSF last September, having completed a 2-year stint in the UC Office of the President in Oakland as Vice-Chair and Chair of the UC Academic Senate – all ten campuses – physics, dance, health sciences, liberal arts, and all. Amazing place is UC – and being involved in faculty and university policy was eye-opening and most interesting. It reminded us that neurosurgery, as wonderful and fascinating as it is, is only one slice-of-life.

Our first grandchild, Lucia Sivani Muthu, was born this past June 16 in New Jersey—to our daughter Jennifer and her husband Sankar, both Assistant Professors in the Politics department at Princeton. They are happy to be at the same university after several years of commuting between New Haven and New York. Our son John is a stock trader, enjoying life in London with frequent travels around Europe and beyond. Since the beginning of the year he's been to Morocco, Croatia, Estonia, Poland, and even California! Mary continues her work at the San Francisco Botanical Garden-- a remarkable corner of Golden Gate Park with extensive plant collections from every part of the world and lots of educational programs. If any of you are in SF after the Academy meeting (or any other time), Mary would be happy to give a personal tour of the Botanical Garden.

Without any warning, I had a tiny heart attack in May – so small that the EKG returned to normal in the emergency department. A quick catheterization a few hours later opened a nearly-blocked small artery and got me back to normal. It was a big surprise, since I thought I was one of the healthiest people I know and have almost no risk factors. In any event, I only missed 10 days and am back to everything now. Ah well, it'll be a bit leaner, a bit fitter, and a bunch of pills I hoped never to take.

We're looking forward to seeing you all in Half Moon Bay in September.

Larry and Mary

Dear Fellow Academy Members,

It is a great honor to submit my first Round Robin letter as a new member of the American Academy of Neurological Surgeons. I am sorry that I was unable to attend the meeting last year in Germany, but I am anxiously looking forward to this year's meeting in California.

As a way of introduction, I am a member of the Department of Neurological Surgery at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, with a joint appointment in Radiation Oncology. After a short stay at the University of Pittsburgh after completion of my residency, I was recruited to Rochester by David Piepgras to oversee the radiosurgical program in 1997. In addition to stereotactic radiosurgery, my primary clinical interests are trigeminal neuralgia and metastatic brain disease. I continue to enjoy great support by our current chairman, Fred Meyer, for my work.

On a personal note, I have been married to my lovely wife Kristen for nine years. We have three children, Elle (7), Grace (3), and Will (1). Needless to say, our household is very busy every day between the hours of 7-9 AM, and 5-8 PM. At the moment, their respective interests are horses, dogs, and chewing on anything we are not supposed to. It is an amazing experience to watch each one grow up in their unique way. Every winter we go skiing as a family in Vail, and each summer we generally spend two weeks soaking up the sun and waves on the shores of North Carolina. Kristen is a tremendous cook, and we have a modest wine collection. We frequently joke that the second best restaurant in our town is my house.

Thank you for electing me into this esteemed society. Kristen and I look forward to seeing everyone at Half Moon Bay.

Sincerely,

Kristen & Bruce Pollock

July 21, 2005

Ralph G. Dacey, MD  
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Dear Ralph:

The Round Robin letters mark time for Peggy and me and force us to be introspective & review our activities of this prior year – always a revealing process.

It has been a rewarding year for us. My son, Richard, graduated from law school, passed the bar and actually got a job in Manhattan. Emancipation is a wonderful state – for the child and the parent as well. Grandchildren, Cathryn (5) and Andrew (2) from Phoenix are spending July in Albany and Connecticut visiting grandparents accompanied by our daughter Christine and son-in-law Matthew. We suspect that motivation is partly “family” but the high temperatures in Phoenix this time of year have made these trips an annual events.

Peggy has taken a new job; she had a wonderful 4 years as VP for Center Operations at Albany Medical Center but missed hospital operations so she accepted the position as hospital director at Long Island Jewish Hospital. Those of you familiar with the geography involved will recognize that Albany and Long Island Jewish Hospital are separated by 180 miles; so this has resulted in some logistical challenges. The downside: we do not see each other everyday; the upside: Peggy loves her new job and our weekends are special.

The Neuroscience Institute (NSI) continues to flourish and has become the marquee program at Albany Medical Center. By the end of the year we will be moving into a new outpatient facility which will allow us to consolidate

services and improve patient access. Our spine and neurointerventional programs have exceeded every expectation; which is especially pleasing to our finance officer and CEO. The NSI research program is flourishing with 22 funded investigators and our integrated clinical programs are demonstrating sustained growth. The institutional capital campaign has just concluded and the NSI lead the way with funding for 13 new endowed chairs.

On a personal note, I am working on the second edition of my textbook, "The Primary Care of Neurological Disorders". I am in my final year on the ABNS. In looking back over the past 5 years its difficult to believe all that has been accomplished by this fine organization; it has been my pleasure to work with such highly committed and hardworking team of colleagues. I am looking forward to new responsibilities in the SNS as its President-Elect. My involvement with the local community lead me to a board position on the Saratoga Performing Arts Center (SPAC) and I have agreed to chair the Strategic Planning Committee for SPAC.

So, all in all it has been an exciting year for Peggy and me. With that update, I will close wishing you all a healthy and prosperous year.

Sincerely yours,

A. John Popp, MD  
Director Neurosciences Institute  
Henry & Sally Schaffer Chair of Surgery

July 12, 2005

Our dear friends:

We are so looking forward to seeing you at Half Moon Bay. I am sure the camaraderie and the meeting will be fantastic.

The Quest's have had another terrific year. Our daughters, "sons" and grandchildren are doing well. Wendy, Pete and their children, Blake and Luke continue to thrive in Santa Fe. Amy and Ted moved to Potomac, MD in a lovely home with their children, Halle and Jack. Susan and Jared presented us with our fifth grandchild, Dylan Isabelle on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004. They too bought a wonderful home in Rowayton, CT and could not be happier as new parents and new homeowners.

Our grandchildren give Don and I more pleasure than we ever could imagine – actually we feel the same way about our children. It's simply the best!

Don continues his very busy schedule at the hospital, neurosurgery in general and all the additional boards he is energetic about. This year he was made an Assistant Dean of Students at Columbia Medical School, which he enjoys immensely. He also has had the honor of becoming President elect of the AANS. My reaction "Oh no"! I'm actually very proud of him.

I continue my volunteer and household activities and traveling with Don, hopping on planes, trains, cars and anything that moves in order to see my grandchildren. My friends think I'm such a jet setter going from place to place when in fact I really am a baby "setter" and I love it.

Hope all is well with each of you. Don & I send our warmest regards and love.

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June 16, 2005

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Dear Academicians,

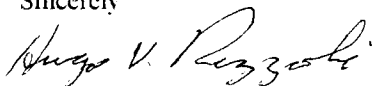
In recent years, I'm sorry to say, I was unable to attend meetings of the Academy. I was happy to see some of you at the recent meeting of the AANS, which I attended, escorted by one of my former residents. I will be 89 in a couple of months, but I'm in fairly good health - a little unsteady on my feet and find hand rails very helpful.

My wife, Helen, died in August, 2001 and it's been a somewhat lonely life since. I'm managing, but moving to an apartment a couple blocks away from the house, where we lived since 1954. It was quite an ordeal emptying the house and turning it over to the new owner yesterday.

I still go to GW one day a week and see one to three pts. and spend an hour with students rotating on Neurosurgery. Anthony Caputy is Chairman. He holds the Professorship named after me- he's an excellent man but we are losing one of the full time attendings- we have a problem with the administrators who are responsible for salaries- we may have trouble replacing him.

My best wishes to all.

Sincerely

  
Hugo V. Rizzoli



July 18, 2005

A very late reply with apologies. In retirement now with an eye toward writing the definitive novel(subject to be determined).  
some flying activity as yet and keeping up with our childrens(all adults now) activities. The Friday Harbor, Wash. farm is less of a chore as the sheep numbers have been cut back. Some health issues as per my ancient status but still eager to hit the road running.

Best to all members

Ted Roberts

Dear Colleague:

Greetings to you from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. It has been a good year personally and professionally. As most of you know, I was appointed Chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery here at Jefferson in July 2004.

It has been an exciting time for us at Jefferson in all aspects of clinical and pre-clinical research. We have received a ten-million-dollar grant to establish the Farber Institute for Neuroscience, which is the core facility for preclinical research in neurology and neurosurgery. This, combined with six million dollars in federal and private funding, has enabled us to establish a true effort in preclinical sciences. Dr. Elisabeth Van Bockstaele, who is our Vice Chairman for basic research, has also established a PhD program in neuroscience at the university. We have increased our residency training program by one year to allow for eighteen months research experience during which residents will have absolutely no clinical responsibilities.

The endovascular service continues to grow, and this year we have four fellows starting in July, all of whom are neurosurgeons.

On a personal note, Deborah and I are doing well and have enjoyed our usual activities of hiking and fishing. As most of you know, my wife Deborah August is a neuroanesthesiologist; however, in December of this year, she will be receive her MPH and MBA. Her thesis and area of interest has been outcomes in patient populations, and in fact, her masters thesis is in looking at outcomes in subarachnoid hemorrhage, comparing different modes of therapy.

We hope that this note finds you all well, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

With warmest regards,

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June 16, 2005

Dear Academicians:

The Academic Year 2004-2005 began with our Annual Resident-Faculty Canoe Trip. This year, September 10-12, 2004, we paddled down the French River in Northern Ontario where we enjoyed a glorious weekend with challenging white waters, and a serene campground. This past year, we welcomed 4 outstanding PGY1 residents into our program. And, we were pleased to recruit Howard Ginsberg as a spinal neurosurgeon to St. Michael's Hospital, and Moji Hodaie, functional neurosurgeon to the Toronto Western Hospital.

In October, Ab Guha and I organized a Tumour Section Meeting for the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies which took place in Jaipur, India October 11-13, 2004, and a Satellite Symposium in Kolkata October 15-16, 2004. This was my first trip to India, and I must say I was absolutely taken with the charm and contrasts of India's history, culture, and peoples.

My faculty continue to astound me in their accomplishments. Peter Dirks published his seminal findings on human brain tumour stem cells in *Nature* 432:396-401, 2004. He also received the 2005 Royal College Medal Award in Surgery, and was voted as one of Canada's Top 40 under 40!

I was the Annual Scientific Program Chairman of the AANS meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 16-21, 2005, and this kept me quite occupied. I was delighted that so many of our residents received awards at the AANS for their fine research work. Next year I will become the Annual Meeting Chair in San Francisco.

Michael Cusimano and Fred Gentili were promoted to Full Professor at the University of Toronto, Peter Dirks to Associate Professor. This year we had over 150 publications. We also had \$5 million in grant support newly received.



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Sadly, we lost Dr. Harold Hoffman, pioneering pediatric neurosurgeon, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004, and Bill Lougheed, esteemed vascular neurosurgeon, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

Our academic curriculum was aided by the presence of several distinguished visitors to the University of Toronto. My special thanks to John Girvin, Al Rhoton, Bob Dempsey, Loch Macdonald, Darell Bigner, Rick Fessler, Rick Boop, Hunt Batjer, and Alain Pierre-Kahn for enhancing the academic program for our residents.

This summer, my son, Daniel, and I will travel to the Northwest Territories and paddle down the Nahanni River. We have not yet enjoyed this region of Canada before. My daughter Hana will be dancing in Cannes, France as part of an exchange with the National Ballet of Canada with which she dances. My daughter Marissa will be joining a tennis camp for the summer. Later in August, all of us will head up to the Killarney Mountain Lodge Resort where we have traditionally celebrated our anniversary and Mari's birthday. Mari has just finished a very busy year this year as a School Board Trustee, her second year in a 3 year term. I am amazed at how she is able to remember everything that takes place in the 22 schools for which she is responsible.

Here's hoping you all have wonderful summers, and looking forward to seeing you at Half Moon Bay.

Sincerely,



**James T. Rutka, MD, PhD, FRCSC, FAAP, FACS**

JTR/sn

Dear Ralph:

The upcoming Academy meeting in Half Moon Bay promises to be very enjoyable and I look forward to a stimulating scientific program as well as to restful social activities, surrounded by friends and colleagues.

This past year has indeed been eventful around the Texas Medical Center. After fifty years of partnership, the Baylor College of Medicine parted ways from its association with its traditionally adult teaching hospital, the Methodist Hospital, and replaced it by associating with the St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital. There are many reasons cited for this "Divorce", the most prominent is the College's desire to have greater control and say in the practice of medicine and in particular in running an independent out-patient facility. As a result of this, the faculty of the Department of Neurosurgery that were based at the Methodist Hospital elected to stay with that hospital, and therefore resigned from the College. This created a void at the College's level, and risked destabilizing the residency training program. In light of my longstanding association with the College and my participation in the training of the residents at my home base at M. D. Anderson, I was offered the Chairmanship of the Department of Neurosurgery at the Baylor College of Medicine, a position that I have accepted on the condition of maintaining my role at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. In doing so, I will have the opportunity to coordinate and integrate the training of the residents through several hospitals within the Texas Medical Center. Needless to say that my workload increased substantially, however, with this comes a feeling of excitement and a sense of great things to come.

I have been blessed by the support of my wife Kristin who shares these feelings with me, and with the fortune that our children are in good health pursuing their own dreams and building their lives in and out of college.

I look forward to seeing you all in beautiful California,

Raymond Sawaya, MD



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June 2006

Dear Fellow Academicians,

This year's meeting has to be left out unfortunately, but having seen the wonderful location chosen in California I am particularly sorry about it. We still speak frequently about the most successful and enjoyable meeting in Dresden.

In the professional sphere not many things have changed. One of our senior staff members has been elected to a chairman's position at a different university and it remains to be seen whether he will accept that position. During the last 12 months five staff members in our program finished their habilitation procedure, which is roughly equivalent to a Ph.D. and now have become a "Privatdozent". This is the official qualification for a professional position, the position however, will have to be earned in a competition and usually this is only possible in another university. After a lengthy period of planning and building we have now moved into our brand-new intensive care unit and are now starting to build a new OR-suite. Despite increasing financial and economical pressures there still is progress.

On the family side things are moving ahead as well. Our eldest daughter, who finished her biology studies last year, has now started to work on her Ph.D. in a Max-Planck-Institute, the middle daughter has just completed her law degree and the youngest one, our son Moritz, is finishing school and will start his student time as a medical student. He chose to do his medical degree in the UK and has been offered a place in Cambridge. Hopefully he will choose Cambridge, he was tempted to prefer the place at University College in London. Now the time has started when Dorothea and myself can travel more independently and outside the typical holiday breaks when Europe is overcrowded with holidaymakers. It appears that things are moving ahead nicely in these interesting times. Hoping to be able to attend next year's meeting.

Best wishes

Johannes Schramm, M.D.



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June 20, 2005

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Dear Ralph,

It's a pleasure to respond to your request for a letter for the annual Round Robin for the Academy. Our pediatric neurosurgical group is doing well. There are now five of us full-time, restricting our practice to pediatric neurosurgery, and we have been helped this year by a wonderful fellow, Cormac Maher, who is spending a year with us followed by another year with Art Day. Cormac was beautifully trained by Dave Piepgras and the Mayo Clinic group, and his performance throughout the year has been at an extremely high level. The Mayo Clinic should be very proud of him indeed.

We are set to move into our new clinical building in two months time. It will have an intraoperative suite, with a Siemens 1.5 tesla magnet coming out of an enclosed dock on tracks to image the patient as needed throughout the operation. I think that we will be one of the few pediatric facilities in the country to have such equipment, and I'm delighted with the foresight of the hospital in making the plans to install it; the cost was around seven million dollars. The hospital is making a real investment in the future of our department, although they are moving us out of the offices that we have held since the days of Ingraham and Matson to make room for the Anesthesia Group. Trying to find office space in this old hospital is a real challenge and by this time next year I will have a new mailing address somewhere in the environs. We also have a second nurse practitioner, as well as additional funds to hire clinical fellows to help with the call schedule and operative work. I'm hopeful that the RRC will approve our request for an additional resident. One of the most exciting things that has happened to our program over the past year has been the agreement with the New England Medical Center that the Tufts resident will rotate on our program for pediatric neurosurgery. I personally am thrilled that this has finally happened. We will now be training residents not only from our own program but also from Charlie Hodge's program in Syracuse and the Mass General.

On a personal note we have a new grandchild, Paul, my daughter Elizabeth's first baby. Her husband, Michael was just ordained as a Greek Orthodox priest, but since his sponsoring diocese is Los Angeles, he and Elizabeth will be on the west coast for the foreseeable future. It will be tough not to see Paul frequently as he is growing, but I know this is a common problem for many grandparents these days. Susan's Heather has two children, Taylor age six and Isabella age three, whom Susan sees twice a week. They are growing up in Hingham, very close to Boston, which is nice for all concerned. My children, Rob and Dave, are still active in music. Rob is completing his masters in music in Boston and has several full time jobs playing jazz throughout the summer in Provincetown, MA. David has been teaching in the New York City public schools and playing all kinds of instruments with all kinds of groups throughout the year. He will be going to the Montreaux Jazz Festival with a rap group this month. Susan has gone back to work in the operating room at New England Medical Center, working at least once a week with Carl Heilman's neurosurgical group there. That she is a good scrub nurse I know from personal experience, and I'm delighted that her skills are being put to good use. My personal highs for the year were playing with an outstanding jazz group of Don Quest, Phil Weinstein, Ted Schwartz, and Jim Rose at the Senior Society Meeting in Stanford at the very kind invitation of Gary Steinberg, playing on Bourbon Street with Taka Fukushima's group during the AANS meeting, throwing out the first pitch at the Louisville Bats Triple A Minor League baseball game as a guest of Tom Moriarty and Chris Shields when I was visiting professor there, and seeing so many of my patients treated over the years in Boston growing and maturing into healthy and responsible adults.

Susan and I will miss seeing everyone at Half-Moon Bay, and hope that the meeting is a great success.

Regards,



R. Michael Scott, MD

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June 15, 2005

American Academy of Neurological Surgery  
2005 Round Robin

Dear Fellow Academians:

After the exciting meeting in Berlin and Dresden, Germany, the year that followed brought many wonderful events to the Sonntag Family. Christopher, our oldest son, graduated from Arizona State University in the Spring of 2005. Besides a great day and ceremony, it was a cause for a mini-family reunion. We celebrated the whole weekend. Stephen, our youngest, also graduated, and in his case, from middle school. He is looking forward to attending Brophy College Preparatory. He played soccer and lacrosse during the past year, and won the soccer championship despite Dad being the coach. His LaCrosse team made it to the semi-final match for the state championship. Alissa continues to love Southern California, as well as her job at UCLA, Department of Neurosurgery. She is also active in teaching yoga. Lynne has continued to be active on many fronts. Her tennis team had a very successful year, she ran the Rock'N Roll half marathon and again did the Grand Canyon Rim-to-Rim hike. She is very active in ARCS (Achieve Award for College Sciences), both in the local chapter and now for the national board. She continues to take care of everyone in the family with endless energy, kindness, and care.

My work keeps me on the run. Learning, teaching, taking care of patients, research, and reviewing manuscripts make up most of the day. However, more and more time seems also to be dedicated to organizational matters, meetings, leaving the appropriate paper trail, legal issues, and complying with the ever more rules, restrictions (i.e., 80 hour weeks), and regulations. Fortunately, I have great associates, fantastic residents, fellows, and nurses that make it still exciting and fun. I continue to travel a great deal but many times Lynne and the children accompany me. We made great trips as a family to Costa Rica, South Africa, and New York (the latter over Christmas when it was absolutely beautiful).

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Lynne and I hope that those who attended the Germany meeting had a super experience and a wonderful time. We are now looking forward to a great meeting at Half Moon Bay. Hopefully, we will see you all there.

Sincerely,



Volker K.H. Sonntag, M.D.

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June 15, 2005

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Dear Nick:

It is hard to believe that another year has passed! In reviewing my last letter, I note that it was written just a few weeks prior to our climb up Mt. Rainier.

We ascended the snowy and icy ridges of Mt. Rainier led by a guide and roped together in groups of three with carabiner in hand and crampons on our feet. Climbing through some blizzard conditions at midnight with headlights on made the ascent particularly adventurous!

I am delighted to share that everyone in our 15-member group, which included several of our fellows and my children, successfully reached the summit. In general, about half of all hikers attempting to reach the summit do not make it all the way. On the weekend of our climb, two unfortunate hikers actually slipped and met their untimely death.

For my most recent physical challenge I competed in a triathlon this past weekend that included swimming, mountain biking and running. I am happy to report that I finished in first place in the over 55-year old division, but for the sake of providing full disclosure must hasten to add that there were only two participants in that division! The second participant was our 56-year old administrative vice president of neurosciences who actually fell off his bike and whom I later stitched up in our kitchen! Nevertheless, it was another pleasant adventure in my attempt to keep this aging body from withering away.

The institute continues to prosper. We are currently in the midst of constructing our new clinical Barrow Patient Tower, which is scheduled for completion next April.

Nancy and I also continue to enjoy each others company and feel very blessed with our children, their spouses, our granddaughter, and life in general.

With best wishes to all academicians, I remain with kindest personal regards

Sincerely,

Robert F. Spetzler, M.D.

Dear Academy members,

It is a great pleasure to be invited to join the academy this year and I thank the members. I was recruited to UCSF in 1998 by Mitch Berger, following my fellowship in movement disorders surgery at Emory University. It has been a privilege to be part of a department with so many accomplished and collegial members. Our group of functional neurosurgery specialists, including Dr. Nick Barbaro and Dr. Paul Larson, is flourishing as the frontiers of this exciting subspecialty rapidly expand. In addition to our efforts in deep brain stimulation, we have launched several protocols in gene therapy for Parkinson's disease. Dr. Larson and I are working on the use of high field interventional MRI for DBS implantation, and the three of us are working on novel applications of DBS. I'm looking forward to getting to know the members at the upcoming meeting in our backyard, Half Moon Bay.

Philip Starr  
Associate Professor of Neurosurgery  
UCSF

Round Robin - 2005, from the Symons, Maple Lodge, Rivar Road,  
Shalbourne, near Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3QE, England.

*Blau Academicians -*

Regretably some years have passed since we contributed to the Round Robin - but the reminder notices must have missed us and this year it was only a note from the Clarks in Dallas which jogged the memory !

We are all well, though Pauline has had to undergo foot surgery and a series of dental implants to secure her continuing mobility and an appropriate Colgate smile. References to foot and mouth disease have been badly received. Despite this, her singing and Clarsach playing continue to flourish. The Queen Square concerts which she initiated have now passed their twentieth anniversary and are still going strong. She remains President of the Ladies Samaritans.

The old fellow retains his interests in Archeology and Golf. Last year we had a long promised trip to Orkney and Shetland to visit the sites from Neolithic to Viking, fortunately in glorious weather, while this year we will go to Finland and Estonia in July and to Srilanka in November - two very different aspects of Archeology, Norse and Buddhist.

The family are all in good shape. Elder daughter active in her practice, and with her husband, commissioning an offshore yacht in addition to joining her father on the golf course. Our elder grandson is Head Prefect in Marlborough in this his last term, but will descend from this elevated position in September to begin life as a Glasgow medical student - exam results permitting. Younger daughter remains a hard working journalist with the Financial Times, her elder daughter has become a formidable schoolgirl while the other favours ballet.

The senior citizen distinguished himself last year by winning the Howell Salver in the Medical Corps Spring Meeting ( with medal rounds of net 68 and 63 )-the first time ever for an ex National Service Officer, and then retained a 12 handicap to his seventyfifth birthday ! Defence this year, alas, proved unsuccessful.

Our son continues his relaxed existence as a freelance consultant in publishing and radio, and, happily, sorts out his father's computer problems from time to time. He lives in an idyllic site on Loch Fyneside, with a good boat mooring, and as Yeats would have it. "lake water lapping by the shore".

We had our fiftieth wedding anniversary last year. As part of the celebration, we went back to Portsach on Worthersee where we had our first date fifty two years ago. Our courier turned out to have had a pituitary operation by our old friend Fritz Heppner in Graz and to be a reserve Major in the Austrian Army. He took us on a tour of the old BMH in Klagenfurt where we spent some time, LS as a young general surgeon, and Pauline as a Ward sister. BMH is now a barracks of an air mobile Battalion of the Austrian Army having started its existence as a (well built )SS Barracks - a la recherche du temps perdu !

LS also keeps occupied as Churchwarden, Synod member, and on the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust, only the first proving at all demanding.

Alas we don't get to meetings now, but anyone in this neck of the woods would be assured of a warm welcome.

*Pauline & Dudley Symon*

Dear Dr. Dacey:

Since 1997, I have been working mainly with administrative management of education and research works, as the president of the Tokyo Women's Medical University. This medical school was established in 1900 by a lady gynecologist, Dr. Yayoi Yoshioka. Her ambition to establish medical school was to elevate the social status of women and she thought that the job of doctor was suitable for this aim by obtaining economical independence at that feudalistic age of a century ago. The medical school has developed gradually and it has become a large and prestigious medical university today.

Recently, I am trying to expand the international relationship between our university and those in the world. We have now students exchange program with several universities in Europe, the United States and Asian countries, such as Wales University in the Great Britain, Free University of Brussels, Columbia University in New York, Shanghai Second Medical University, and so on. The students are engaging in the clinical studies. Although the term is limited to one to two months, the students can study not only clinical knowledge and techniques but also different cultures and human relationship. I believe that the international friendship among those students will enhance mutual understanding and peaceful world in the future.

From the research point of the view, I am now organizing two large projects; Regeneration research and Integrated medical sciences. Both projects are undertaken by international study groups.

At home, all my family is well. My wife, Tsuneko is busy for taking care of two grand daughters, Nana 5 years old and Ruru 1 year old. Our elder daughter, Momo, has opened her private dental clinic. Younger daughter Lily is working as a sports doctor at National Sports Science Center and is taking care of many champions in all kinds of sports. Our elder son, Fumi is an architect and now building a hospital in a northern city, and younger son, Kazu is working as a rehabilitation doctor.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Dear fellow Academy members,

The past few years have eventful and interesting for Jill and me. We have just come from oldest son, Glen's wedding in South Carolina. Glen is a graphic artist in Los Angeles. Middle son, Lee is in management here with Appelby's restaurants. Next son, Barry is getting ready for graduate school in Physical Therapy and youngest, daughter Britini, is now a senior at Georgetown College in KY. She has had a distinguished career in fast pitch softball and we still make most of her games.

I am now associated with Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital and have enjoyed a "second career" very much. I am Associate Medical Director at CHRH. The Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department and residents from University Kentucky Medical Center are based at CHRH and I have a teaching appointment in the department and have very much enjoyed that association and teaching the residents.

CHRH co-funded with UK an endowed chair in spinal cord research and I was co-chair of the selection committee. We were fortunate to get Joe Springer for the chair and are now interviewing for other chairs in that endowment. We were fortunate to have Chris and Debby Shields as our guests for Research Day for the residents recently. Last year we had Bob Dempsey and the year before our first honored guest was Ed Oldfield. We are making that a yearly tradition and I try to get persons prominent in spinal cord research to be our honored guests. We are having a national symposium on Neuro-rehabilitation in September and I am moderating that and have been busy acquiring speakers prominent in that discipline.

In addition to CHRH, I practice at the Lexington Back and Neck Clinic in conjunction with two PM&R physicians. I have become ingrained in the industrial side of medicine and have been active locally and nationally with Worker Compensation issues. I am on the Board of the American Academy of Disability Evaluating Physicians and have given talks at the last three national meetings. I have been invited to talk at the September annual meeting of the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions in Philadelphia.

I did not realize that after I quit operating I could be so busy and still enjoy neurosurgery so much. Jill and I are enjoying life and each other and our health remains good. We have a place in Atlantic Beach, Florida that we enjoy. There just doesn't seem to be enough time to go there. We are most fortunate that our health and the health of our children remain good. It is also fortunate to have been able to retire from surgery and find such a niche for which my background so ably fits.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Half Moon Bay.

Russell and Jill Travis

Dear Academicians,

This is our second summer in Houston. Dennis was named Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at UT Houston in September. With his new administrative responsibilities he is working as hard as ever, but is thoroughly enjoying the energy and enthusiasm of the Texas Medical Center.

Another milestone for our family this year was the graduation of our firstborn, Kristin, from Brown University in May. She graduated with a B.A. degree with a concentration in Political Science and International Affairs. She is currently looking for work in Washington, DC. Our second child, David, graduated from high school this spring and is looking forward to attending Lafayette College in the fall where he will play Division I lacrosse. Remaining at home are Travis, a rising senior, and Bret, a soon-to-be freshman. As usual, our household is in a constant state of flux and controlled chaos. Rosie, our aging Golden Retriever, and Juneau, the large and lovable Black Lab only add to the commotion. Nevertheless, all six of us manage to find time to take a memorable family vacation at least once a year.

As for Dennis and I, we continue to relish our time together whether we're fly-fishing, visiting extended family, or even cooking. We are so thankful for the many dear friends we have made in the medical community during the past 3 decades.

Dorothy and Dennis Vollmer



Dear Friends:

With regret, I will not be attending this year's annual meeting. It seems my professional activities have extensively increased since the beginning of 2005. I have traveled through the United States as well as to Barcelona, Spain, on speaking engagements and meetings. To recharge, I flew to Honolulu for 10 days of rest. I will take off again in the fall of the year for several conferences in the neurosciences. My involvement at UNM Medical School has continued and increased not only in the school but also in the Department of Neurosurgery. We now have a new chairman, Dr. Howard Yonas, who is moving things in the right direction. An Endowed Professorship of Neurosurgery at UNM has been initiated for my late husband, which will add honorably to the department and Earl's legacy there.

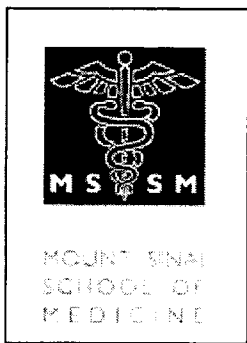
On other fronts, my health has greatly improved since last year after undergoing a multiple stage TRAM flap operation. One minor surgical procedure in reconstruction is scheduled for July and I pray it is the last. I want to see something other than an operating room suite. Family members are holding their own and most are enjoying life in retirement. Grandson Cody finished his first year at Texas A&M and likes school as he focuses on being a Marine. Oh well, there go our hopes for another neurosurgeon...

My twin sister had a flu shot last October and two weeks later experienced increasing weakness in her legs, then paralysis. A diagnosis of Guillian-Barre Syndrome and weeks of hospitalization followed. The cause is suspected to be from a contaminated vaccine she and others received. Fortunately, her mobility has slowly returned and a special walker aids in her ability to move about. This has been a traumatic assault for her and all our family. Since we are identical twins, I think I will forego a flu shot this year.

Best wishes for a successful and enlightening meeting in California, and may our paths cross in the near future in good health and world peace.

Cordially,

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July, 2005

Dear Fellow Academicians,

Since we wrote several years ago, a lot has happened in the Winn Family.

After a very intriguing several months (thanks to the arrangements by Merwyn Bagan) in Kathmandu where Richard worked at the Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital, we moved to New York City in September 2003 to join the Department of Neurosurgery at Mount Sinai Medical School. Kal and Linda Post have been very warm and generous in their support and hospitality as has the medical school in general and the faculty, residents and staff of the department in specific. We live in a wonderful apartment on Fifth Avenue overlooking Central Park, right next to the medical school. So the "commute" is a 30 second walk. Richard is a tenured professor of neurosurgery and neuroscience and director of research for the department. He recently published two books which were long term projects and is working on a few others. At Mt. Sinai, he re-established his NIH supported laboratory which he started at UVa in 1974, and has a group of superb young people working with him. He really enjoys the opportunity to be back in the lab and to devote time to teaching residents and students. Debbie is also working at Mt. Sinai doing public relations and continues to perfect her tennis and golf games.

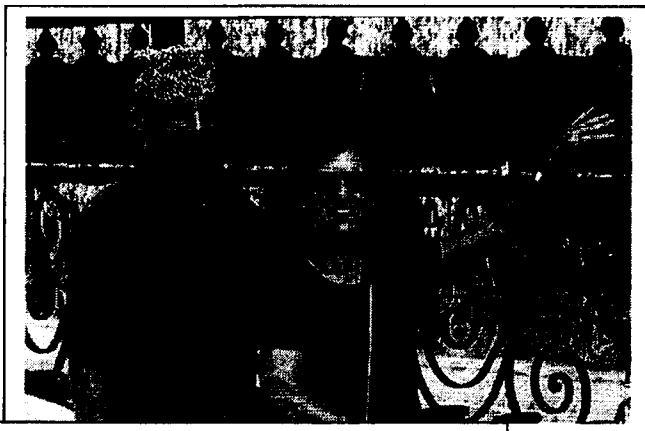
Now for the important news: both of our children got married and we are now grandparents.

In February 2002, in a destination wedding in Puerto Rico, our daughter, Allison, married Adam Scotch. Adam is from New Hampshire (and thus is a very strong Red Sox fan) and works for a hedge fund. After finishing Penn in 1995, Allison moved to NYC, worked in PR, pursued her dream of acting and was in a number of off and off, off Broadway shows, established and sold a successful dotcom clothing company for petite woman (itsybits.com) and now has a thriving career as a free-lance writer. She recently interviewed Andy Roddick and Magic Johnson for American Airlines Magazine, has been into the White House to interview the President Bush's press secretary and has monthly articles in major magazines. Two novels are in the works. And on October 13, 2004, she and Adam presented us with our first grandchild, David Campbell Scotch, called Cam. Since they live just across Central Park on the Upper West Side, we see them often and frequently baby sit Cam and their dog, Pedro (as in Red Sox).

Our son, Randy, got married in January, 2003, in NYC to Tamara Rennert. Tammy is from NYC, has a combined MBA/JD and works for Wachovia. Randy, after finishing at Princeton in 1992 and working at Goldman Sachs, helped start a company in 2000 to supply on-line information to investment bankers. In September, 2004, Randy and his two partners sold the company, Capital IQ (<http://www.capitaliq.com/>), to McGraw Hill/S & P, but he continues to run the company. Tammy and Randy presently live in Greenwich Village, but have bought an apartment on the Upper East Side so they will be walking distance from us, which is great since Tammy is due in December.

We are taking advantage of all the great things that New York City has to offer and are enjoying our new life. See you all in September.

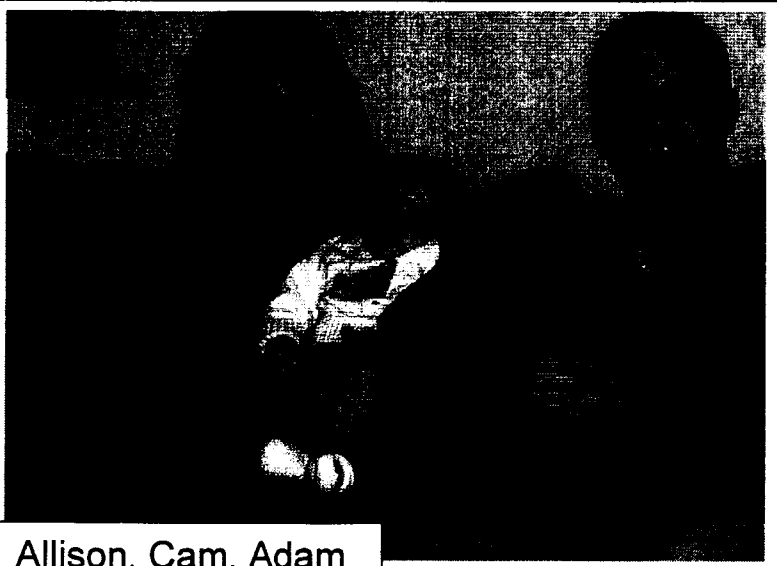
Debbie and Dick



Kathmandu 2003



Tammy & Randy



Allison, Cam, Adam  
& Pedro



Taking advantage of all  
the cultural opportunities  
in New York City

**Schillizzi, Jeanette**

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**From:** Fremont Wirth [fpwirth@bellsouth.net]**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2005 2:43 PM**To:** Schillizzi, Jeanette**Subject:** Round Robin

Dear Ralph,

Lynn and I are in the midst of a busy year thanks to my AANS Presidency. Lots of email and lots of travel. While much of this is interesting and enjoyable, it leaves little time for other activities since I am still working full time and taking my share of call. We have fortunately added two new associates to our practice. With their interests in pediatrics and endovascular neurosurgery, my workload with vascular neurosurgery has been lightened and I am happy to have the help. I have been able direct my activities toward some other areas which I enjoy and which are more predictable.

We are in the process of completing renovation on our North Carolina vacation home and look forward to the end of construction. Our children are all well and busy. Philip and his wife Carol have recently returned to Savannah where he is involved in renovation their "new" house. Andrew and Carolyn remain in Washington D.C. Andrew is now working for a large consulting firm and Carolyn is a mental health counselor. Lynn's daughter, Leslie is expecting our second grandchild. Her husband Bill is a financial advisor with American Express and grandson Graham is now almost 2 and a delight. Tripp and his wife Ann still live in Atlanta as do Leslie and Bill. Tripp works with Certainteed and Ann with Delta.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Half Moon Bay.

Phil and Lynn

July 5, 2005

NICHOLAS ZERVAS :

STILL WORKIN PART TIME. PRIMARY INTERESTS INCLUDE FIRST GRANDAUGHTER; SAFETY COMMITTEE AT HARVARD; ADVISORY BOARD TO HARVARD MALPRACTICE INSURANCE FOUNDATION; CONSULTING ON REFERALS; RESEARCH ON THE SONIFICATION OF SINGLE CELL RECORDINGS FROM DEEP BRAIN MICROELECTRODE, AND EEG RECORDINGS WITH BRAIN-MUSIC FOUNDATION AT HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL; LOOKING FORWARD TO CA MEETING. BOB MARTUZA IS DOING A GREAT JOB WITH SOME NICE NEW ADDITIONS TO THE STAFF AND A RETURN TO A FORMAL RELATION WITH THE BETH ISRAEL GROUP.