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From The Chairman



On behalf of Heather Hartling and her administrative team I want to wish you all a Happy Holiday Season. As with the rest of society we have had a roller coaster ride the past 12 months. I certainly hope and will work toward the future where the only roller coasters are at Busch Gardens.

I was excited to learn this month that Carina Rodriguez, Pediatrics Infectious Disease faculty, was elected to the Society for Pediatric Research. This Society honors the young Academic Pediatric Faculty nationally who are expected to become the future leaders of American Pediatrics. Last year Drs. Terri Ashmeade, Raj Whadhawn, (Neonatology) and Morna Dorsey (AIR) were similarly honored. The American Pediatric Society is the oldest pediatric group that requires election of new members and signifies that members are the leaders of American Academic Pediatrics. While the final announcement is a week or so off Drs. Patty Emmanuel, Chief Peds ID and Associate Dean for clinical/translational research and Dr. Michael Fant, Professor of Pediatrics (Neonatology) will be elected to membership as of 1/1/2010. Last year Drs. Dorothy Shulman and Frank Diamond were elected.

I wish you and your family a very special Christmas and Happy New Year! Use this Season of Joy to rest and recharge so you are ready to walk in the Gasparilla Children's Parade on Jan. 23, 2010.

~ **Bob Nelson**

Spotlight

Residents



Our two outstanding residents Drs. Oneith Cadiz and Beatriz Arvelo-Velez.

Farewell



Pediatrics Administration says goodbye to Cathy Ball as she is leaving our department to pursue a different career path within the University. She will be greatly missed and we wish her the best of luck!

Faculty Accomplishments



Dr. Paola Dees was elected to the Barness/Behnke Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS). This society is based on exemplary humanism and professionalism in Medicine. The induction ceremony will be on Monday March 15, 2010.

Dr. Carina Rodriguez was elected into the Society for Pediatrics Research (SPR). The primary purpose of the of SPR is to encourage young investigators engaged in research that is of benefit to children by providing a forum for interchange of ideas and an opportunity to present their work.



Dr. Omar Rahman from the Rothman Center for Neuropsychiatry was selected to attend the NIH-sponsored NIGMS Workshop for Postdocs transitioning to Independent Positions that will be held on March 11-12, 2010 in Bethesda, Maryland.

Dr. Julia Ogg from Division of Child Development was selected to attend the National Institute of General Medical Sciences transitioning to independent positions conference. This is a highly competitive award intended to support Post-Docs as they move forward in their careers as scientists.



Congratulations! **Dr. Terri Ashmeade** completed all requirements for her Master Degree Program and will be graduating this Fall 2009.



Dr. Kathleen Armstrong was elected as President Elect for Florida Association of Infant Mental Health (promotes mental health among infants and their relationships with caregivers) and **Dr. Heather Agazzi** was elected as the Treasurer.

Carla Duff, RN BSN CCRP was invited to participate in the Nursing Roundtable held in Philadelphia, PA on December 4th and 5th to discuss education and training of nurses and patients in relationship to subcutaneous immunoglobulin infusions

Great American Teach In

Each year, students in the USF Health academic programs volunteer in the local schools on [Great American Teach In Day](#) where they share their knowledge and their dedication to their respective careers with younger students in grades K-12. This service project is offered through the USF Health Service Corps. Great American Teach In was scheduled for Wednesday November 18, 2009 but arrangements were made with some schools to accommodate our USF Health students throughout the week so that students who were not able to teach on November 18th were able to teach another day that week.

Dr. Danny Leonard, Dr. Erin Cipko, Dr. Oneith Cadiz, Dr. Mendez and Linda Nelson participated in the Great American Teach-In event.



Linda Nelson taught Ms. Klone and Ms. Kane's Kindergarten class at Mary Bryant Elementary school where her granddaughter Abby attends school. She taught children about preventive health, why they need immunizations and how they work.



Dr. Cipko and Dr. Cadiz taught students at Memorial Middle School about the flu, how germs are spread and used props to illustrate their points. Dr. Cipko also taught at Benito Middle School as part of their Health Awareness program.



Dr. Leonard spoke at Williams Middle School where he spent time with many students talking about all aspects of medicine. He was impressed with their questions and their awareness of current medical topics.

Make-A-Wish® is here locally, serving local children and is NOT just for those with terminal diagnoses

Life is messy. It is unpredictable. Rarely are we “prepared” for the obstacles and challenges we must face. One more child has been diagnosed with an illness that prevents him from playing with the little league baseball team. One more teenager will miss her prom and those unforgettable moments as a senior in high school. You take a deep breath, clear your throat and explain the newest test results to the family...again. You wish you could give them good news. You wish you could give them hope. You wish you could give them strength. You wish you could give them joy. Well...*you can.*

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Northern Florida’s mission is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. You can help a child in a way that goes far beyond any treatment or prescription by referring a child to receive a wish.

The Suncoast/Tampa Bay Region of the Make-A-Wish Foundation relies on medical professionals (doctors, nurses, social workers, child-life specialists—people just like you) to refer children to the organization. There are thousands of potential wish children who have extraordinary wishes that are sometimes only seen in story-books. A child’s wish is a powerful tool that can be the motivation needed to keep a child focused on their future. Any child between the ages of 2 ½ and 18 with a life-threatening medical condition may be eligible for a wish. The child’s wish typically falls into one of our four categories: I wish to go; I wish to have, I wish to meet; and I wish to be.

This year, we expect to grant 85 wishes in one year in the Suncoast Region of Hillsborough, Hernando, Pinellas, Polk and Pasco counties.

When you refer children for a wish, you give hope, strength and joy to keep fighting a very grown-up battle.

If you know a child who may be eligible for a wish, or if you would like to sponsor a wish, please contact the Suncoast Region of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Northern Florida at 813.288.2600, e-mail information@suncoastwish.org or visit our website at www.wishcentral.org.

I wish to Be . . .A Cowgirl. Hailey, 4.



Employee Update

New Employees

Name	Position	Division
Mulubrhan Mogos	Graduate Assistant	Child Development
Haryjoivid Boyd	OPS	Infectious Disease
Taylor Pancoe	OPS	NeuroPsychiatry
Allison Kennel	Registered Nurse	NeuroPsychiatry
Leah Jung	OPS	NeuroPsychiatry
Renee Leduc	Research Project Manager	Epidemiology
Thuy Nguyen	Applications Developer	Epidemiology
Janet Stananis	Administrative Secretary	Neonatology

Toy Drive



Dr. Cadiz took the toys that the residents donated to the Child Abuse Council.

January 2010 Birthdays

Employee Name	Day
Omar Rahman	1
Susrutha Modepalli	1
Patricia Carr	2
Jeannette Fleischer	2
Naomi Fahey	2
Noorbibi Day-Good	3
Francisco Torano	3
Jessica Davis	3
Ulla Uusitalo	4
Pablo Ruiz	6
JaDawn Wright	7
Nancy Newkirk	8
Margaret Gross-King	9
Lauren Johnson	9
Tamara Schonacher	10
Colt Kerns	10
Alexandra Menchise	11
Daniel Wright	11
Cheng-shih Hu	12
Roger Fox	13
Janet Hess	13
Judith Ranells	14
Ramon Fonseca	14
Caroline Cirafesi	14
Lupe Mitcham	14
Richard Lockey	15



Employee Name	Day
Nathan Tang	15
Marisa Couluris	15
Louie Albert Ona	15
Carmen Escobar	16
Deborah Porter	18
Loren Isakson	20
James McIlwain	21
Elon Walker-Veras	22
Melinda Downes	22
Maliena Dowd	23
Janet Stanonis	23
Joseph Gomes	24
Jason Hangauer	24
Mary Pavan	25
Shirley Honea	25
Susan Smith	26
J John	26
Agnes Ramirez	26
Tracy Garven	26
Joy Ramiro	28
Raosaland Kenon	28
Jennifer Steinbrueck	30
Oneith Cadiz	30
Nicole Whitcomb	30
Elena Perez	31
Zulma Garcia-Agosto	31



Dr. Nelson's Grand Round Quiz

Questions

1. Goethe _____
2. Stagirite _____
3. Shakespeare _____
4. Aristotle _____
5. Plutarch _____
6. Samuel Johnson _____
7. White of Selborne _____
8. Carlyle _____
9. Omar _____
10. Oliver Wendall Holmes _____
11. Eugene Aram _____
12. George Herbert _____
13. Descartes _____
14. Homer _____
15. Browning _____
16. Socrates _____
17. Plato _____
18. Rabbi, Ben Ezra _____
19. Voltaire _____
20. William James _____
21. Lowell _____
22. Horace _____

Answers

1. 1749-1837, (Faust) World Literatures
2. Aristotle the Stagirite
3. 1564-1616, English poet
4. 384-322 BC, Creek philosopher, 1st Western philosopher
5. AD 46-120, Greek who became a Roman
6. 1719-1784, English author, critic
7. 1720-1793, English naturalist
8. 1795-1881, Scottish satirical writer
9. 1048-1122, mathematician
10. 1841-1935, poet, physician, essayist
11. 1704-1759, English philologist
12. 1593-1633, Welsh poet, Anglican priest
13. 1596-1656, French philosopher, mathematician, physicist
14. Greek poet
15. 1812-1889, English poet and Playwright
16. 469-344 BC, Classical Greek philosopher
17. 428-348 BC, Classical Greek philosopher, mathematician
18. 1812-1889, Poem by Robert Browning
19. 1694-1778, French writer
20. 1842-1910, psychologist, philosopher
21. 1819-1891, Harvard Graduate; 1838; A fable for Critics 1848; satire famous American writer
22. 65-8 BC, Roman Poet

Winners

First Place Winners: Drs. Rick Wiebly and Ben Pollara win the award for getting all correct.

Second Place Winners: Two outstanding chief resident Beatriz and Oneith.

Note: Omar was a 12th Century mathematician not a modern day Puerto Rican Reggeton Artist. Similarly none of the individuals play for the Boston Red Sox.

Upcoming Events

Events



In light of holiday spirit, spread the magic of giving by joining the USF Community Holiday Tree, employees helping employees. You can either choose to register your child or sponsor a child. For more information go to the website below:

<http://usfweb2.usf.edu/HR/tree2.htm>

Children's Gasparilla Parade

When: Jan. 23, 2010

Grand Rounds

Lectures are from 8:00 - 9:00 AM at MacInnes Auditorium– TGH and videoconference to the ACH/USF CRI 1st floor conference room & CMS Building, Room 2004

January 7: *Injuries in Children Throughout the World: A Focus on Traffic*

Karen Liller, PhD
Assoc. VP for Research and Innovation, and
Graduate School Dean
Professor, USF College of Public Health

January 14: *Millennial Pediatrics: A New Paradigm for Pediatric Practice*

Jeffrey Goldhagen, MD
Professor and Chief
Community Pediatrics
University of Florida College of Medicine, Jacksonville

January 21: *Vaccination for Travelers*

Allison Messina, MD
Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

January 28: *The Subspecialty of Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine – How Can it Benefit Your Patients?*

Chris Morrison, MD
Medical Director, Bayfront and St. Joseph's
Wound and Hyperbaric Centers President, Nauti
lus Health Care Group

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Happy Holidays



"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." - Mark Twain