From the Chairman’s Desk

Summer is coming to a close. Many members of the USF Pediatric Family have had exciting times. The new class of residents have begun to demonstrate why we wanted to have them join us. Exciting news of successful applications for stimulus money is starting to arrive. We will share some of that news next month. I wanted to share two examples of exciting summers. Dr. Dorothy Shulman, Professor and Chief of Pediatric Endocrinology and her husband and daughter conquered Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest point on the African Continent at 19,331 ft. She kindly carried the USF flag to the top. Gary Litman continued his desire to catch large trout with this gorgeous rainbow caught on the Bighorn River in Eastern Montana. I hope all of you have had similar excitement this summer.

Bob Nelson
**Faculty News Reviews / Accomplishments**

**Dr. Noorbibi Day-Good** received an invitation to write article entitled, “In Memory of Robert A. Good” by Paul Terasaki, editor Clinical Transplantation, Los Angeles, California; 267-286, 2009.

Dr. Day was a Guest Editor and Reviewer of papers in Immunologic Research. The 2nd Conference of Robert A. Good Immunology Society, Vol.44, 2009.

Dr. Day attended the International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS) Expert Meeting on Primary Immune deficiencies; Dublin, Ireland, June 3rd-7th, 2009.

Senior Author for Abstracts Presented:


Papers Published:


**August Birthdays:** Brenda Marshall (Aug 1); Lori Bowers (Aug 2); Kathleen Paulus (Aug 3); Jeffrey Krischer (Aug 5); Melissa Salazar (Aug 5); Maite Mcleod (Aug 6); Sangamithra Ravichandran (Aug 6); Cristanna Dudeck (Aug 8); Jamie Dickerson (Aug 8); Barry Bercu (Aug 10); Melchor Munoz (Aug 10); Debra Brown (Aug 11); Cristina Ortiz (Aug 13); Sterling Little (Aug 15); Brennan Calkins (Aug 18); Mayer Eisenfeld (Aug 19); Emma Gonzalez (Aug 19); Jason Salemi (Aug 20); Sherie Collins (Aug 22); Brenda Abell (Aug 23); Latha Kumaraswamy (Aug 26); Linda Stephenson (Aug 26); Bruce Gainer (Aug 27); Silvia Callejas (Aug 28); Laura Drach (Aug 28); Tara McKinnon (Aug 29); Matthew Morrow (Aug 29); Peter Nasseri (Aug 29); Patricia Newkirk (Aug 29); Catherine Wesley (Aug 30); Antoinette Spoto-Cannons (Aug 30)
**Residency Program Updates**

Thanks to all the residents that participated in back to school health fairs. Hundreds of children received physicals thanks to these dedicated physicians. They include the following:

Beth Harris, Emilio Quezada, Amber Pope, Angie Cook, Precious Serna, Cory Brown, Corrie Bharucha, Lindsey Graham, Jessica Davis, Ali Menchise, Erin Cipko, Ramon Fonseca, Bea Agha, Jessica Keshishian.

Katie Kelly and Jessica Keshishian have been appointed as intern AAP program delegates. They are joining Ali Menchise, Jeannine Del Pizzo and Karolina Dembinski in representing our program. Congratulations to all!

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**Dr. Maria Gieron** and Dr. Megan Toufexis co-authored a manuscript entitled "Early testing for Huntington disease in children, pros and cons" which has been accepted for publication in Journal of Child Neurology.

**Dr. Maria Gieron’s** Ask-the-Expert column entitled “What should I do if my child gets headaches?” was featured on July 11th in the Tampa Tribune 4YOU publication.


**Jeannette Reid,** from the Division of Pediatric Neuropsychiatry, was awarded an “Outstanding Poster” Award from the Obsessive Compulsive Foundation for her poster entitled “Auxiliary YBOCS Features Related to OCD presentation, impairments, and treatment”. This award comes complete with a $1000 travel award and conference recognition. Congratulations!


**Rani Gereige, MD** participated in abstracting/ reviewing / commenting on the top 10 School Health papers for 2008. That document is published on the American School Health Association website (Physician Section) as part of the Journal of School Health. www.ashaweb.org/physician
Dr. Adam Lewin, Division of Pediatric Neuropsychiatry, had an article accepted in his first 10 days here –


**Dr. Heather Curtiss** presented 3 posters for the HOT DOCS Team at the American Psychological Association Annual Conference in Toronto.

As the President for the Faculty Council for the College of Medicine, Dr. Lynn Ringenberg had the honor of carrying the Mace in the procession for graduation this past spring.

Miguel Abraham was born to former med-peds resident Dr. Daniela Chiriboga and Dr. Abraham Salinas on July 21, 2009.

Jillian Williams graduated with a Ph.D. in School Psychology on August 8, 2009. She is joining Child Development as an Instructor.
Dr. David Tayloe, the President of the AAP, was in Tampa in July and presented the 2009 John S. Curran Lecture at Grand Rounds. The title of his talk was “Medical Home and health Care Reform”. A dinner was held the evening before in his honor.

Janet S. Hess has joined Adolescent Medicine as Project Director for the Florida Health Care Transition Initiative (see www.healthcaretransition.org). She received her Master of Public Health from USF, and will begin her doctoral studies this fall in COPH’s new DrPH program. Her research interests include children, youth, and young adults with special health care needs. As lead author of a 2009 legislative report from the Florida Task Force for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities - entitled "Ensuring Successful Transition from Pediatric to Adult Health Care" - Ms Hess will be working with Children’s Medical Services and other state partners to establish an office of Health Care Transition within CMS. She formerly was Director of Programs at the Early Childhood Council of Hillsborough County, a nonprofit agency that provides early intervention services. At ECC, Ms. Hess launched Kid Connection Network, an early childhood information and referral program, and managed Hillsborough County's community Developmental Screening Program.

The Florida Medical Associations’ Certificate of Merit was awarded to Dr. John S. Curran. This is the FMA’s highest award, given to members who have rendered exceptional and outstanding service to the Association, to the medical profession, and to the public over a period of years. Congratulations!

The “I Beat Bob” Challenge
18 Pediatric people competed With 2 highly competitive wellness folks beating Bob, Denise Edwards 764,086 and Susan Orellana 659,216 beating Bob’s 347,052 steps. A total of 4,369,321 steps were taken by Peds with an average of 242,740. At 2,000 steps per mile approximately 2200 miles were covered or an average of 122 miles per person. Way to go!
## HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES

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Please join us in welcoming the above employees to the USF Health Pediatrics team!
Dear Friends, This will be my last newsletter as “editor”. It has been an honor and my pleasure to have worked closely with Dr. Nelson on the development and publishing of this monthly newsletter. I will be passing the reigns to Ana Santos who will undoubtedly keep this fine tradition running well! Please forward your monthly updates to Ana at asantos@health.usf.edu. Thank you. Barbara Cockream

HOLD THE DATE!!
Saturday, January 23, 2010
Children’s Gasparilla Parade

Look for us on Facebook—We are Live At USF Health Pediatrics And Twitter Coming Soon This Fall!

“Items of Excellence”

By now everyone has probably seen the email publication of “Items of Excellence”. This publication will run every two weeks.

**What:** Items of Excellence (IOE) are summaries of wins and accomplishments that support the vision and strategic goals of the HSC, the College and the department – timely items that we would like everyone to know about. Examples include announcements of recently awarded federal grants, recent recent publication in a major peer-reviewed journal or presentation at a national research conference, top-level appointments and honors, collaborative/team initiatives and accomplishments by departments or colleges, etc. – all leading to national prominence.

**Who Can Submit:** Anyone at the HSC – deans, chairs, faculty, staff and students.

**How:** Please report your IOEs to your department or college under the following five categories. Be concise – just the basic facts needed:

- Creative Educational Models (emphasis on national prominence, interdisciplinary collaboration)
- Research Really Matters (emphasis on national prominence, interdisciplinary collaboration)
- Entrepreneurial Academic Practice (successful clinical practice and community outreach programs/projects, collaborations with community partners— e.g. TGH, Moffitt, VA, ACH, outpatient sites).
- Operational/Financial Innovation (streamlining of clinic operations resulting in greater efficiency and profit – scheduling, patient flow, medical records, billing, etc)
- People Excellence – Items that demonstrate the Winning Spirit, Creativity and Accomplishments of the people at HSC.