



Congratulations to Dave Pierson who recently stepped down after 10 years as editor of Respiratory Care. The Journal's Editorial Board honored Dave at the AARC meeting and look forward to his participation as Editor Emeritus.

Congratulations are also due to Len Hudson as recipient of Harborview's 2008 Mission of Caring award recognizing his tremendous dedication and efforts in our community. The presentation took place at the HMC Gala with Len's family and many friends in attendance.

A huge thank you to the Harborview executive leadership team for adding funds to an existing account for an Endowed Professorship at Harborview. The original funds were bequeathed by Anne Denton in recognition of the excellent medical care she received at Harborview.

Thank you also to Robert and Linda Wise who recently established an endowed fund for Pulmonary Fibrosis research in honor of Robert's father.

I continue to be grateful to everyone who has donated to the ALAW Len Hudson Chair. The following individuals' contributions arrived since our last newsletter: Peter and Jackie Bates, Jim & Pamela Copeland, Bruce & Kathy Culver, Mark & Christina Deffebach, Tom & Kathy Fair, Cynthia & Chris Gries, Noreen & David Henig, Don Hudson, Marty & Lisa Johnson, Larry Klima & Shawn Marie Kneipp, S. & Barbara Lakshmi, Jenny Lo, Leigh Ann Mike, Sam Nadler, Masa & Tomoko Narita, Tim Nielsen, Sharon & Charles O'Hara, Mary & Glen Pacher, Kim & Tom Poppe, Linda Rosenstock & Lee Bailey, Ronald & Dianne Silvestri, and Tara Trowbridge.

I hope to see you at the ATS meeting in May.

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Center for Lung Biology at South Lake Union campus

The Center for Lung Biology (CLB), under the leadership of Director Bill Parks, PhD, was established by the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine in 2006. The CLB provides a structure for exploring common mechanisms of disease processes—with an emphasis on immunity, repair, and response to infection among organ systems. Interest in lung biology and pulmonary disease has increased greatly over the past decade. Clearly, much of this interest has been fueled by the increased mortality in industrialized societies due to lung diseases. This Center builds on that interest by acting as a crucible for integrating basic research on mechanisms of lung repair and disease in an interdisciplinary program. Investigators from Medicine, Pediatrics, Microbiology, Surgery, and Urology are currently collaborating and training together within the Center. Parks' primary goal is to catalyze lung-related research and training at UW. The Center plays an important role in our Division's training program with 9 postdoctoral fellows and several junior faculty members in the Center. Dr. Parks actively promotes interactions with other research groups and labs with complementary interests in inflammation biology. An effective mechanism to foster such interactions is to promote the use of core facilities and shared research tools. Core resources at the Center include histology and imaging, specialized cell culture systems, and animal models. Located on the South Lake Union (SLU) Campus, Center members are active campus members organizing journal clubs and seminar series that are well attended by CLB members and others at the SLU campus.

The CLB currently occupies 3,800 sq ft of space and will be expanding to approximately 20,000 sq ft in when Phase 2 of the SLU campus opens in July 2008 (pictured below).



UPCOMING EVENTS / SAVE THE DATE

- The American Lung Association of Washington will hold its annual Asthma Walk on Sunday, May 4 on the University of Washington campus. The Walk starts at Hec Edmondson Pavilion at 9:30 a.m. We are competing with Atlanta to be the largest Asthma Walk in the country. Plan to join us! Pre-registration at: www.pugetsoundasthmawalk.org.
- Please plan to attend the annual ATS Division dinner and roast being held on Monday, May 19 at The Pour House, 182 Dupont Street, Toronto at 7 pm (416/967-7687). Questions about this event should be directed to Leila Armas (Isarmas@u.washington.edu).
- Summer Lung Day will take place on Friday, June 13 at the University of Washington's Center for Urban Horticulture. Featured speaker is Dr. Luis Blanch, Senior Intensivist and Consultant at the Critical Care Center of Hospital de Sabadell in Spain.

Please update us on your current activities at pccmalum@u.washington.edu. We also have an Alumni website where you can update your contact information and keep up with our growing network <http://fmrc.pulmcc.washington.edu/alumni/index.php>.

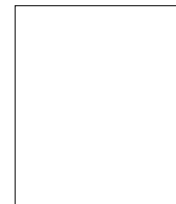
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2008 DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Program Director **Vishesh Kapur** was recently notified that the ACGME has approved the Division's proposal for a clinical sleep fellowship.

Chris Slatore's recent AJRCCM publication on the topic of supplemental vitamin usage and lung cancer risk garnered national attention. Chris' study was featured in the Seattle Times and MSN.com among others.

Cynthia Gries was elected as the first Chairperson of the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Junior Faculty/Trainee Council. Also, Cynthia's research presentation will be featured in the press release for this year's ATS meeting.

The Seattle P-I featured **Jason Chien** and the new lung disease and prevention clinic at SCCA. Opened in fall 2007, the clinic has experienced high demand and already has a one month wait list.

Tom Martin has assumed the Directorship of the Parker B. Francis Fellowship Program.

Andy Luks, Dave Pierson, and Lynn Schnapp are some of our faculty members who presented at the UW's faculty development days.

The UW's **Adult Cystic Fibrosis Program** was cited for its clinical and research excellence in a recent Irish National radio presentation.

Masa Narita is a panelist in the Washington State TB Advisory Council community forum commemorating World TB day (March 24). The forum is co-funded by the Firland Foundation and SBRI.



Dave Pierson accepts AARC honors

Dave Pierson presented at the recent SCCM meeting on the cardiopulmonary physiology of dinosaurs.



Brent Pistorese, Len Hudson, and Jim Vincent celebrate at the Harborview Gala

Recently awarded grants include:

- **R01** – Bill Altemeier
- **CF Clinical research awards** – Moira Aitken and Mark Wurfel, Chris Goss
- **Parker B. Francis Fellowship** – Eoin West
- **ALA Fellowship** – Ann Chen, David Horne, Erin Kross
- **ALA Research** – Peter Chen
- **ATS Travel award** – Cynthia Gries