



**Welcome to the first issue of our Division's newsletter.** As colleagues and friends of the Division, you know that we have experienced remarkable growth over the past several years – currently, we have 44 faculty members and 30 clinical and research fellows in our program. Our hope is that this newsletter will increase contact between faculty, alumni, community practitioners and friends of the Division. We want to re-establish connections and encourage participation in Division activities whenever possible. One of the challenges created by growth is sustaining the sense of community cultivated under the leadership of John Butler and Len Hudson. With a program that has now trained 220 individuals who are disseminated throughout the world, we have to be creative in identifying opportunities to continue the community legacy. With this in mind, we would like to feature individuals and events from our extended network and would enjoy hearing from everyone.

I hope to see you in San Diego at the ATS meeting. If you are not attending this year, update us on your current activities at [pccmalum@u.washington.edu](mailto: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>).

I look forward to hearing from you,

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## ALUMNAE UPDATE

**SCOTT SINCLAIR** is living in Memphis with his wife, Cyndi, and new son, Xander. Scott is an Assistant Professor at the University of Tennessee and collaborates with Bill Altemeier and Robb Glenny. [ssinclair@utmem.edu](mailto:ssinclair@utmem.edu)

**CATHI MONTI** is the Fellowship Program Director and Director of the MICU at John Stroger Hospital of Cook County. [cmonti@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmonti@sbcglobal.net)

**NOREEN HENIG** is practicing at California Pacific Medical Center, building their Advanced Lung Disease Center and teaching. [henign@sutterhealth.org](mailto:henign@sutterhealth.org)

**ANNE DIXON** and **DAN WEISS** are both at the University of Vermont. Anne has a K23 to study rhinosinusitis and asthma. Dan consults nationally as an expert in gene and stem cell therapies for lung diseases. In his spare time, Dan continues to organize Mahler Festivals., [Anne.Dixon@vtmednet.org](mailto:Anne.Dixon@vtmednet.org), [daniel.weiss@vtmednet.org](mailto:daniel.weiss@vtmednet.org)

## CHEST Foundation Humanitarian Project Development Award: Len Hudson and the *From the Heart Foundation*

In 1999, Len Hudson was asked by Ron Worley, an oral surgeon from Moses Lake and friend of 45 years, to help fund and direct the From the Heart Foundation. While vacationing in Utila, Ron had found beautiful scenery and a tourist's warm welcome. He also found a decaying clinic building and came to learn that the local population had no access to health care providers. Upon his return, Ron asked Len to donate his time and resources to a one-year project to rebuild the clinic and identify a team to staff the clinic on a regular basis. Len did not hesitate to say yes.



After that successful first year, Len and Ron continued to work with the people of the Bay Islands. Ron purchased a home on Roatan, the largest island, and now spends several months a year there performing Foundation work often accompanied by Len. The two continue to recruit friends and colleagues to donate time, skills and resources on a regular basis to further the Foundation's work. Lakshmi spent a month in Roatan this past winter and Josh Benditt will be there this summer – both division members were inspired by Len's commitment to the Bay Islands communities.

Through an application submitted by Len, the From the Heart Foundation received \$25,000 as a CHEST Foundation Humanitarian Project Development Award. The award will further the Foundation's mission 'to bring a sense of hope to small rural communities in Central America by providing access to high quality health care and public health education'. Len and his colleagues deserve recognition for this award and their vision of partnering with local underprivileged communities to improve health.

If you would like more information about the *From the Heart Foundation* and its work, please contact Len at [lhudson@u.washington.edu](mailto:lhudson@u.washington.edu)

## UPCOMING EVENTS / SAVE THE DATE

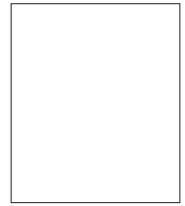
- **Annual ATS Seattle Bash** - Monday, May 22nd, 7 pm during ATS Zocalo Grill, 2444 San Diego Avenue, 619-298-9840 (RSVP [itboard@u.washington.edu](mailto:itboard@u.washington.edu))
- Plan to attend the PCCM and ALAW **Summer Lung Day** being held on Friday, June 16 at the Urban Horticulture Center at the UW
- Division faculty, in conjunction with the Francis F. Curry National TB Center, are presenting a **Tuberculosis Intensive CME course** in Seattle on June 22-23. ([http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/tb\\_intensive.cfm](http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/tb_intensive.cfm))
- Incoming fellows will be introduced to Faculty, Fellows and Staff at the **Fellow Welcome Party** held annually at the end of orientation.
- The **ALAW Gala Auction** benefiting lung disease research is planned for November 4, 2006 at the Bell Harbour Conference Center.
- This year's **John Butler Memorial Lectures** will be held October 6 (Boise) and November 13 (Seattle). This year, we welcome Marco Ranieri, MD from the University of Turin for the Seattle event.

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## 2005-2006 DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Ganesh Raghu is leading the new NIH clinical trial network for IPF at UWMC. During the first year, network leaders selected treatment protocols for implementation starting in July 2006. For more information or referrals to the network, please call 206-598-4967.

HMC was recently renewed as an enrollment site of the ARDS network under Len Hudson's leadership.

Dave Pierson was awarded the Jimmy Young Medal for his national leadership in respiratory care education by the AARC.



Dave Pierson, in center, receiving his award

Lakshmi was inducted into the ALAW Pulmonary Hall of Fame at the WTS Winter Lung Day held annually in Leavenworth, WA.

Cynthia De Ruiter, Susanna Harju and Teresa Wager are the recipients of the division's first round of research mini-grants. This year's awards are funded by the **Gilbert C. and Eileen V. Mills Research Endowment**.

A new non-mycobacterial tuberculosis clinic has been established at Harborview. Contact Dave Park ([drp@u.washington.edu](mailto:drp@u.washington.edu)) or Masa Narita ([masa.narita@metrokc.gov](mailto:masa.narita@metrokc.gov)) for more information.

Members of the combined UWMC/CHRCM Pulmonary team raised over \$10,000 in donations for the ALAW Asthma Walk held April 30 on the UW campus.

Paula Carvalho is one of five faculty chosen to receive the Department of Medicine's WWAMI Excellence in Teaching Award for 2005 in recognition of her enthusiasm for and consistent dedication to teaching of medical students and residents.

Randy Curtis has been nominated for the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the American Thoracic Society. If elected, Randy will become President in 2009, the third member of our Division to lead the ATS.



Randy Curtis