

University of Washington Rehabilitation Medicine Newsletter
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We were very pleased to hear that Maureen McGee, who has already established one fellowship in physical therapy, has established a second fellowship to honor Jo Ann McMillan, former Head of the Division of Physical Therapy. Maureen has very generously donated \$100,000 for this fellowship which will be matched by the UW Graduate School, for a total endowment of \$200,000. The endowment will provide in perpetuity scholarship funds to benefit students in the physical therapy program.

Maureen McGee has had a long-standing friendship with Jo Ann McMillan that dates back to 1964. Jo Ann McMillan was interested in physical therapy while in college in Texas and after completing her B.S. degree she entered the Mayo Clinic School of Physical Therapy. This led to a lifelong connection with Dr. Justus Lehmann, at that time a faculty member at the Mayo Clinic. When Dr. Lehmann moved to become the founding Chair of the UW Department of PM&R, Jo Ann was recruited to serve on the faculty of the Physical Therapy Curriculum. In 1963, Jo Ann was named Head of the Division of the Physical Therapy, and she worked to continue the efforts of her predecessor in building and solidifying the physical therapy training program. Jo Ann ended up serving 33 years as Division Head, after which she retired. She still, however, visits the PT program for special events and follows program developments with great interest.

Many thanks are extended to Maureen McGee for honoring Jo Ann McMillan in this very generous fashion.

2. Nancy and Buster Alvord Professorship in Multiple Sclerosis established.



We were pleased to hear recently that, due in large part to the efforts of Dr. George Kraft, an Endowed Professorship in Multiple Sclerosis has been established to honor Nancy and Buster Alvord. This Professorship was made possible by a number of local donors, as well as contributions from pharmaceutical companies. After a short time, the Dean of the School of Medicine will ultimately appoint a search committee and ask for recommendations of the first holder of this position.

3. Department of Rehabilitation Medicine very well represented at the American Association of Electrodiagnostic Medicine annual meeting.

The Department of Rehabilitation Medicine and its resident alumni were very well represented at the 51st Annual Meeting of the American Association of Electrodiagnostic Medicine in Savannah, Georgia earlier this month.

We were pleased to hear that Richard Kendall, former resident (and now faculty member at the University of Utah) was awarded the 2004 President's Research Initiative Award for his work on interrater reliability of the needle examination in lumbosacral plexopathy. We were also very pleased to see that Dr. Joel DeLisa, former resident and faculty member (and well known to everyone in PM&R) received the Distinguished Physician Award from the AAEM. As announced earlier this year, Dr. George Kraft received the AAEM Lifetime Achievement Award.

There were a number of presentations from our faculty and alumni. Dr. Michael Andary lectured on diagnosis of shoulder pain, Dr. Tim Dillingham lectured on evaluating patients with radiculopathy, Dr. Mohammad Saeed gave a workshop on nerve conduction study pitfalls as well as a lecture on tarsal tunnel syndrome, Dr. Atul Patel discussed nonneurogenic causes of foot pain, Dr. Faren Williams gave a workshop on carpal tunnel syndrome techniques, Dr. George Kraft gave a workshop on lower limb SEPs, and Dr. Larry Robinson argued with Ernie Johnson over best strategies for diagnosing CTS. Dr. Robinson also worked together with Dr. Bill Litchy to do the 10th annual presentation of "EMG Talk" (a fun filled evening based on the radio show "Car Talk").

4. Dr. Joseph Czerniecki serves as Visiting Professor at Dalhousie University.

Joseph Czerniecki, M.D., Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine, was invited to be a Visiting Professor at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, on October 25-26th, 2004. During his visit he presented the annual Arthur H Shears lectureship to honor Dr. Shears who was key to the establishment of the specialty of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Atlantic Canada. Dr. Czerniecki's lecture was entitled "Critical Issues in the Rehabilitation of People with Amputations".

5. Dan and Pat Brzusek Honorary Chairpersons for the 2005 Bandage Ball.

Dr. Daniel Brzusek, resident alumnus and his wife Pat, were recently chosen to be Honorary Chairpersons for the 2005 Bandage Ball at Overlake Hospital and Medical Center. This is in recognition of their significant fund raising accomplishments over the past 25 years at Overlake. Dan and Pat have both been active in the OHMC Foundation. They have been on the Board and served as Chairs of several committees. Dr. Brzusek has also helped to found the annual golf tournament benefiting the OHMC Foundation. Dan and Pat invite those interested to attend the Bandage Ball, but recommends getting reservations early since the affairs is always sold out. Dr. Brzusek can be reached at <doctordodo@aol.com>.

6. Save the date for 2005 Annual Review Course.

The 2005 Annual PM&R Review Course will be held April 4-10, 2005. The focused Musculoskeletal Medicine Review Course will be held immediately before on April 2-3, 2005. Paper brochures will soon be coming in the mail. We will also plan on having an electronic brochure with next month's newsletter.

7. Michael Hsu, R3 Resident, in concert.

Dr. Michael Hsu, R3 resident, performed in concert with the Puget Sound Symphony Orchestra on Saturday November 20th in Seattle. Mike is the principal 2nd violinist for the orchestra and was excellent. The evening included works by Liszt, Rachmaninoff and others. Mike can be reached at <mikehsu@u.washington.edu>.

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<http://depts.washington.edu/rehab/news.html>.

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