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1. Residency program director endowment growing.

We are pleased to announce that the pledges for the endowment of the residency program director are growing. There has been a number of important contributors to this effort. We are pleased to report this month some of our early major pledges which include Dr. Terry Massagli (\$25,000), Dr. Larry Robinson (\$20,000), and Ms. Liz Leedom (\$5,000). We are hoping to announce another major pledge next month. Our goal for this endowment is a total of \$500,000.

2. Dr. Diana Cardenas selected to give a Science in Medicine lecture for the 2005-2006 lecture series.

We were pleased to hear that Dr. Diana Cardenas will be lecturing in the University of Washington 2005-2006 Science in Medicine lecture series. It is an honor to be chosen for this prestigious UW lecture series. Dr. Cardenas will be speaking about her spinal cord injury research on October 27, 2005 from 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. in T-625 at the Health Sciences Building. Dr. Cardenas can be reached at <dianamac@u.washington.edu>.

3. Dr. Larry Robinson to receive the Distinguished Researcher Award from the American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM).



Dr. Larry Robinson was recently very pleased and surprised to hear that he will be awarded the 2005 Distinguished Researcher Award from the AANEM. This award is presented to honor members who have made continuous significant contributions to clinical neurophysiology research. Dr. Robinson is the twelfth recipient of this award. Dr. George Kraft, Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine at UW also received this award in 1996. The award will be given at the AANEM annual meeting September 21-25, 2005 in Monterey, California. Dr. Robinson can be reached at <lorenzo@u.washington.edu>.

4. Justus F. Lehmann Day to occur on Friday June 10, 2005.

Many of you may have received the brochure in the mail already, but we are pleased to announce again that the Twentieth Annual Justus F. Lehmann Symposium will occur on Friday June 10, 2005. This symposium is presented each year to honor Justus F. Lehmann, M.D., who chaired the department from its founding in 1957 until 1986. This year Dr. David Yu is again leading the symposium. We will have two lectures from our keynote speaker Dr. John Chae, Associate Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Biomedical Engineering. The focus of Dr. Chae's talks will be on neuromuscular electrical stimulation. There will also be talks about respiratory infections following spinal cord injury and unplanned discharges from a rehabilitation inpatient unit. There are sixteen poster presentations as well given by a variety of students and residents. CME is available for three Category I credits. For further information visit our website <http://depts.washington.edu/rehab/education/ce.html>.

5. Dr. Terry Massagli to serve as guest lecturer at the 16th Annual Resident and Fellow Research Day.

We were pleased to hear that Dr. Terry Massagli is this year providing the guest lectureship at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Medical School Resident and Fellow Research Day. She will be talking about enhancing resident teaching skills and using 360 degree evaluations to assess resident competence.

6. Bill Kelly, PT starts new position in Montana.

We were pleased to hear recently from Bill Kelly, who worked for many years in physical therapy at UWMC. He has informed us that he has taken a new physical job at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, MT. This site also serves as a rural training site for the WWAMI medical students. Bill Kelly can be reached at <bkel@u.washington.edu>.

7. A number of Rehabilitation Medicine faculty and staff honored at Harborview 2005 Annual Service Award Dinner.

Many Harborview Rehab staff and several faculty were honored for their years of service at the 2005 Annual Service Awards Dinner which was held on May 26, 2005. The number of employees is too big to review, however a very nice movie discussing Harborview was presented at the ceremony. Kathleen Desmarais, nurse in the Rehabilitation Medicine clinic was prominently featured and spoke very eloquently about her experience at Harborview. Also, Susan Scully, social worker at Harborview, was prominently featured and spoke very well about her experiences at Harborview. Dr. Larry Robinson was most pleased to receive his 15 year award, which is a Harborview Medical Center watch. The best part is the second hand is a helicopter that flies around the watch.

8. Karen Bryce awarded US Masters Top Ten badge.

In the spirit of maintaining a high level of physical fitness amongst all of our faculty and staff, we were proud to hear that Karen Bryce, program coordinator at UW rehab medicine, recently received the US Masters Top Ten swimming badge for 2004. She won this award for the breaststroke. This signifies that Ms. Bryce is one of the top ten Masters breaststroke swimmers in the United States. Karen can be reached at <bkaren@u.washington.edu>.

9. Laura Sena says hello from New Mexico.

We recently heard from Laura Sena, UW alumni from the OT program in 1981. Laura has been working and living in northern New Mexico since her graduation from UW. She reports that this month "Therapro" will be publishing a hand skills program that she developed. The program called Fingermania is based on a board game that OTs can play with children from preschool through third grade to help build fine hand motor skills. She will be demonstrating this product at the Annual AOTA conference in Long Beach later this year. You may see Laura at UW from time-to-time since her son has just recently been accepted to the UW Bioengineering program for the upcoming school year. Laura can be reached at <otrlaura@aol.com>.

10. Dr. Valerie Bodeua joining us in July.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Valerie Bodeau will be joining us in July at Harborview Medical Center as an Acting Assistant Professor. Dr. Bodeau completed her residency training in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at LSU and is currently completing her fellowship in Spinal Cord Injury Medicine at the Puget Sound Health Care System under the directorship of Dr. Steve Stiens. She will be starting in July at Harborview caring for inpatients on the Rehabilitation Medicine service and will also be covering several outpatient clinics both at Harborview and UWMC. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Bodeau. Dr. Bodeau can be reached at <vbo@u.washington.edu>.

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