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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For the past nine months our publications team has been busy crafting something new and different to enhance your engagement with the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) as we continue to grow our programs and sphere of influence.

We sought to create a magazine that would be distinctive and original, but not wholly unfamiliar. Within these pages, you will find echoes of MCW ~~the~~ (our donor publication) and



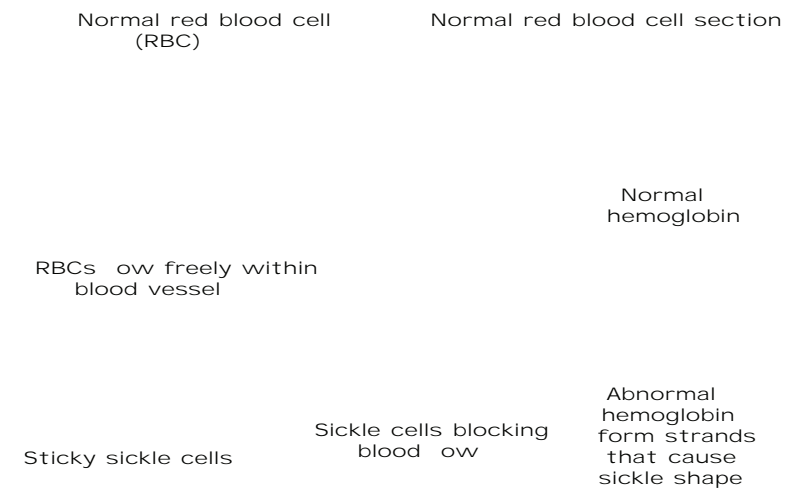
BETTY PACE, MD '81, GME '84

Most children want to grow up to be something different every time they are asked. But for Betty Buckley Cunningham Pace, MD '81, GME '84, her reply never wavered. "When I was 12, I saw my best friend suffering from the debilitating pain of sickle cell disease - and from that time on, I was determined to do research to help find a cure."

Dr. Pace has been a fighter her entire life. She fought to stand out as one of 15 children born to Deacon Andrew and Ora Belle Buckley. She fought to graduate 19th in her class at Washington Park High School in Racine, Wisconsin, with a GPA of 3.9. She fought to overcome racial and gender bias as an undergraduate to become a young scientist - which in the 1970s was quite unusual - and to be admitted to the Medical College of Wisconsin. Most importantly, Dr. Pace has fought steadfastly to conquer the foe of her childhood friend and the tens of thousands of individuals afflicted with this extremely painful and often fatal inherited blood disorder.



Sickle-Cell Anemia



STATREPORT

The Medical College of Wisconsin has been awarded a



The Medical College of Wisconsin will open a school of pharmacy in Milwaukee to train highly qualified pharmacists who can provide expanded services as part of a healthcare team. The school is anticipated to matriculate its first class of 60 students in the summer of 2017 or 2018.

George E. MacKinnon III, PhD, MS, RPh, has been named as founding dean, effective October 1, 2015. Dr. MacKinnon most recently served as founding dean and professor of pharmacy, and vice provost for health sciences at Roosevelt University's College of Pharmacy in Chicago. During the past 25 years, he has engaged in clinical practice, research, teaching and academic administration through joint academic appointments in

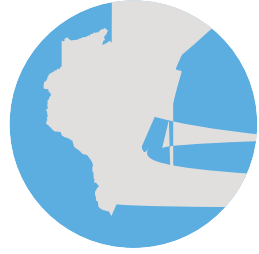
medicine and pharmacy at various educational institutions across the country. He also has been involved in a leadership capacity in the establishment and accreditation of three new colleges of pharmacy in the US.

"The next-generation pharmacist will be trained to provide expanded services in medication monitoring, immunizations, health screenings, chronic disease management,

acute ambulatory care and specialty pharmacy care," says John R. Raymond, Sr., MD, president and CEO of MCW. "The curriculum will reflect changes in healthcare that are transforming how health professionals work together to achieve improved health."

In addition to the emphasis on interprofessional education, the school of pharmacy will seek to reduce the maldistribution of pharmacists in underserved communities in Wisconsin.

MCW's Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment is providing an initial \$3 million for preliminary design and development of the school of pharmacy. Q



“The reality is that hospitals are scary places for kids,” said Dr. Kaemmer in an interview conducted shortly after he and his wife traveled to Milwaukee to celebrate his 45th Reunion during the 2015 Alumni Weekend. “And for children who are admitted multiple times per year, the experience isn’t easy or pleasant.”

A desire to help change that led to the creation of the Kaemmer Professor in Pediatrics: The “Super Kid” Chair in Special Needs, held by John Gordon, MD, professor of pediatrics and medical director of the Special Needs

Program at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin (Children’s). The Kaemmers established the endowed fund to secure resources for children that would improve their experience during hospital visits and longer stays – and help ease the anxiety parents and caregivers experience trying to navigate the hospital system.

“I want the hospital to be a better place...even a pleasant place,” Dr. Kaemmer said’t eas



PHILANTHROPY

Jan Lennon's connection to MCW is a strong one. You can see it in her eyes and hear it in her voice. She talks confidently and proudly about the innovative research conducted by MCW faculty as well as the excellent patient care they provide. She shares delightful anecdotes and insights on numerous initiatives and programs funded through MCW's philanthropic efforts. She has a personal connection to many of MCW's past and current leaders – and knows the contributions of each to the insti-

tution's legacy. Not surprisingly, Jan takes great pride in the countless endeavors of her late husband, Edward J. Lennon, MD, '50, who served as MCW's dean (1978-1985) and president (1984-1990). Dr. Lennon passed away in 1994.

This connection to MCW and the contributions of its faculty, students and staff to improving health are major reasons why Jan has been a volunteer and philanthropic donor to MCW and its partners for more than 35 years.

"I have been fortunate to have a close association with MCW. This has enabled me to see firsthand all that our amazing researchers and clinicians are capable of doing, and how much they and MCW's leadership care about excellence...about providing the

best outcomes for patients and about advancing knowledge to defeat diseases confounding our best efforts to eradicate," Jan says. "I feel lucky to have the opportunity to help through my work with significant organizations like the MACC Fund, Froedtert Foundation and Wisconsin Breast Cancer Showhouse, Inc. (WBCS), as well as several MCW advisory boards."

Jan is a tireless and invaluable volunteer for MCW and its partners, helping to raise money and awareness for student scholarships, cancer,

neuroscience and digestive disease research and patient care. Her service to MCW includes the endeavors men-

tioned at right; the organizations and boards she helped launch are noted in the sidebar on the opposite page.

Jan says her approach to deciding which projects or programs to support is uncomplicated. "I look for areas where there is a true need and the potential to make a strong impact."

The people of MCW are at the heart of Jan's dedication to the institution.

"My favorite part of volunteering is working with people who have a passion to make a difference and who sometimes, against the odds, succeed in making that difference," she notes. "I feel so privileged to be among like-minded supporters who work to

BOARDS AND ORGANIZATIONS JAN LENNON HELPED LAUNCH

(1998) FOUNDED MEMBER OF THE WBCS, INC., BOARD

(2007) FOUNDED MEMBER OF THE MCW'S WOMEN IN SCIENCE LECTURE SERIES

(2011) FOUNDED MEMBER OF MCW'S NEUROSCIENCE CENTER BOARD

SIGNIFICANT MCW HONORS RECEIVED

(1996) WARREN P. KNOWLES HUMANITARIAN AWARD

(2004) HONORARY ALUMNA OF THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN

(2012) HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES



A recent prestigious grant to MCW by the American Heart Association (AHA) is national recognition of our unique strengths and extensive expertise in hypertension research. In May, the AHA formed a national hypertension research network comprising four research institutions. As a member of this new network, MCW was awarded \$3.7 million over four years by the AHA to create a Strategically Focused Hypertension Research Center that will focus on the epigenetics and epigenomics of hypertension. The network also includes the University of Iowa, the University of Alabama-Birmingham and Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

MCW is home to one of the largest, most accomplished groups of hypertension investigators in the country. MCW's research team has made tremendous strides in the understanding of a widespread disease with high morbidity and mortality, which should lead to transformational work in this field. The grant brings together MCW's efforts in population health and epigenetics, and its wonderful basic-science tradition in hypertension.

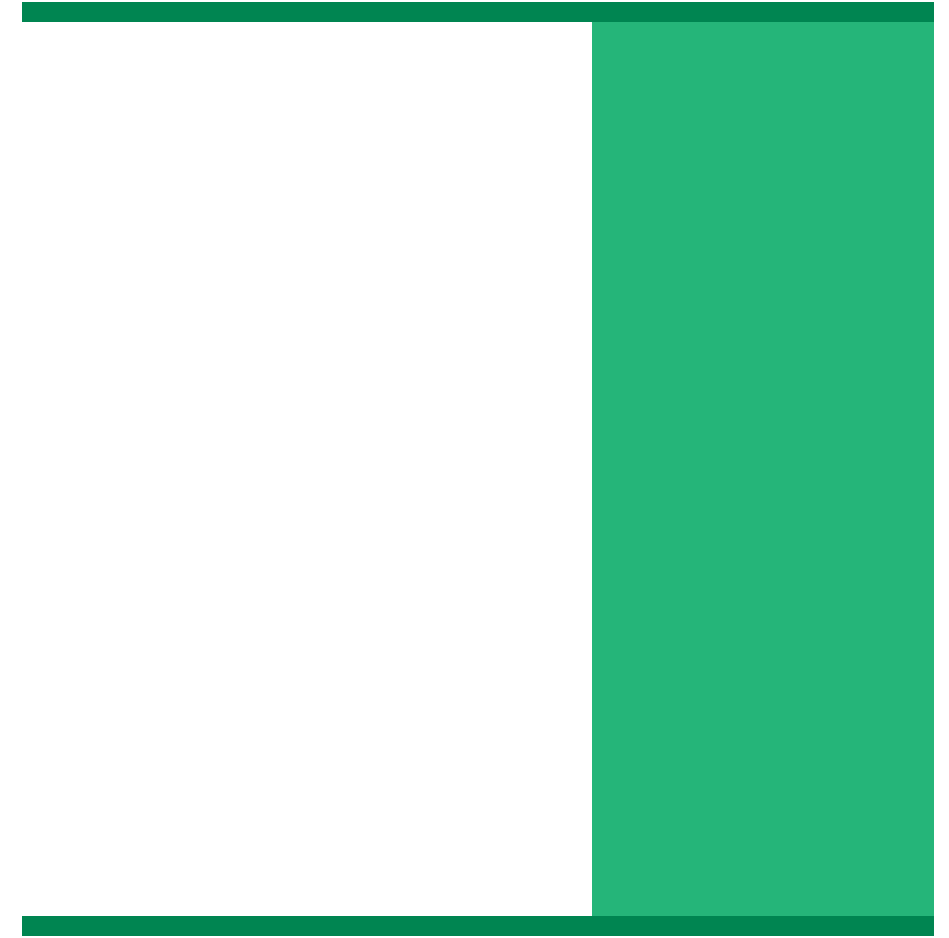
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Key Facts About the Nepal Earthquake



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HAPPENINGS

Donors attending the 2015 Imagine More Dinner included members of the family of long-time MCW faculty member Marvin Wagner, MD '44, MS '51. From left to right, Jeffrey Wagner (son), Dyan Wagner, Rachel Wagner and Benjamin Wagner (grandson), event co-chair.

Dinner Supports Neurosciences Research

Showhouse for a Cure Dazzles Visitors, Raises Funds for Breast and Prostate Cancer Research

In June, 22 Milwaukee design firms transformed the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Showhouse, Inc.'s 2015 Showhouse for a Cure, located in Shorewood. Since 1998, the WBCS has provided more than \$5.5 million to advance breast cancer and prostate cancer research at MCW.

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We'd love to hear from you! We'll post your event comments and photos. Or, let us know what's coming up. Send your materials to MCWmagazine@mcw.edu. Find us on:

MCW medical students hoist the Caduceus Cup after defeating the softball team from the Marquette University School of Dentistry at the 9th annual Thriller at Miller.

2015 Healthcare Dinner to Feature Adm. Mike Mullen, Benefit the Digestive Disease Center

The 22nd Healthcare Dinner, scheduled for November 18 at The Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee, will feature keynote speaker Admiral Mike Mullen (Ret.), 17th chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 28th chief of naval operations, and principal military advisor to Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama. Sue and Curt Culver will receive the Warren P. Knowles Award at the dinner.

Aron Geurts, PhD, Wins Steve Cullen Healthy Heart Scholar Award

Aron Geurts, PhD, associate professor of physiology, is the first recipient of the \$25,000 Steve Cullen Healthy Heart Scholar Award, specifically for his work in cardiovascular research. The award is funded by proceeds from the annual Steve Cullen Healthy Heart

Club Run/Walk, held in memory of Steve Cullen, a former Milwaukee alderman who died at the age of 40 of sudden cardiac arrhythmia.

Five MCW Speakers Featured in the 2015 Women in Science Series

The 2015 Women in Science Series features four MCW women researchers who have made outstanding strides in conducting research on their respective health topics and one senior female staff member who spoke on creative intelligence. The series began April 16 and concludes October 29 with the ninth annual Women Pioneers in Research Awards. These include a \$10,000 research award for faculty and the \$1,000 Edward J. Lennon, MD, Award for an Outstanding MCW Woman Postdoctoral Researcher.

For information on the 2016 Series, contact Alyssa Molbeck at (414) 955-5828

UPCOMING EVENTS

STRIKES FOR HOPE

» 8TH ANNUAL STRIKES FOR HOPE CHARITY BOWLING TOURNAMENT

ALUMNI: SAVE THE DATES!

» 2016 ALUMNI WEEKEND
DATE APRIL 29-30, 2016

» 50-YEAR REUNION
DATE MAY 20-21, 2016



1940s

IN MEMORIAM

1940s

Jerry J. Dragovich, MD '45, of Mount Vernon, Wash., died October 17, 2014, at the age of 95. He practiced as an ear, nose and throat specialist and allergist in West Seattle and Bremerton until age 85. Dr. Dragovich is survived by seven children, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

James A. Means III, MD '47, of Butler, Wis., died July 5, 2015, at the age of 91. He practiced in the Milwaukee area for most of his 47 years as an active physician. During the 1960s, he was instrumental in spreading kidney dialysis treatment throughout Wisconsin and into Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Dr. Means is survived by his wife, Marcella, four children, 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

1950s

George F. Lucas, MD '50, of Oglesby, Ill., died December 16, 2014, at the age of 93. He practiced medicine in Oglesby from 1954 until his retirement in 1986. Survivors include two children, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Robert W. Jarka, MD '52, of Grand Rapids, Mich., died February 24, 2015, at age 91. He was one of the first two orthopaedic surgeons to perform total hip replacement in Michigan. Dr. Jarka is survived by two children and two grandchildren.

Harry M. Cutting, MD '53, of Libertyville, Ill., died August 30, 2015, at the age of 92. He ran a private family practice in Milwaukee for 35 years. Dr. Cutting is survived by his wife, Ruth, three children, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Thomas J. Cox, MD '54, of Mequon, Wis., died July 17, 2015, at the age of 85. In addition to growing the Glendale (Wis.) Clinic, Dr. Cox served as the president of St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee from 1985-1988. He is survived by six children, 20 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Robert C. Zuege, MD '55, of Mequon, Wis., died July 30, 2015, at the age of 85. He practiced as an orthopaedic surgeon with Blount Orthopedic Group and performed Wisconsin's first total hip replacement. Dr. Zuege is survived by three children and 10 grandchildren.

Gordon Rumhoff, MD '56, of Franklin, Wis., died July 30, 2015, at the age of 83. He practiced family medicine in West Allis, Wis. Survivors include his wife, Patricia, daughter, Susan, and two grandchildren.

John M. Tarle, MD '56, of Los Angeles, Calif., died February 4, 2014, at the age of 84. He practiced pediatric medicine in Santa Monica, Calif. Dr. Tarle is survived by his wife, Patricia, six children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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