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From the Editor's Desk

Greetings all. I hope this edition of the *ED Update* finds you and yours well. Hard to believe, but since the last edition we have graduated yet another class of steely-eyed emergency physicians, ready to head into the world to save lives and stamp out disease and pestilence. By the time you read this, a new intern class will have completed orientation and be out on the wards in the emergency departments of Dayton. Also of note, by the time you read this we will officially have a new Program Director, Dr. **Edward Fieg**. Dr. **Brown** can now exert his rule comfortably from the Halls of Academe in the singular role of Chair.

Here is the latest and the greatest from the WSU EM Residency Program.
Read on...

Brian L. Springer



~~TOP TEN~~ TWELVE CLINICAL FACULTY

The top twelve clinical faculty have been named for the 2012 academic year. We had a couple ties this year, so instead of a top ten, we have a top 12. Congratulations to all the winners! The winners are:

John Badcock, D.O.
Mike Ballester, M.D.
Megan Dines, M.D.
Dale Evans, M.D.
Matt Freyhof, M.D.
Scott Koncal, M.D.

Mary Lacher, M.D.
Dennis Mann, M.D.
Randy Marriott, M.D.
William Matre, M.D.
Thomas Proctor, M.D.
Norman Schneiderman, M.D.

Cassie's Bulletin

- Cassie Browning



GRADUATION

Congratulations to the class of 2013!!! It has been a great 3 years, and each and every one of you will be greatly missed. We wish you all the best in this next chapter of your lives.

Besides all of the R3s receiving their diplomas, another highlight of the evening was **Alex Keller** presenting Dr. **Beth Berrettoni** with a certificate and flag in recognition of her 10 years of outstanding service to the residency program. The flag was flown on September 11, 2010 during a USAF Combat Search and Rescue medical evacuation mission in support of Operation Enduring Freedom at Camp Bastion in Afghanistan.



Class of 2013

Emergency Medicine

John-Adam Bonk, M.D., Clinical Affiliate Faculty, Wake Forest University, Moses Cone Hospitals, Greensboro, NC

Paul Butts, M.D., Keesler Medical Center, Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, MS

Andre Castelbuono, M.D., Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge, Oak Ridge, TN

Katherine Ellis, M.D., Malcom Grow Medical Center, Andrews Air Force Base, MD

Susan Geiger, M.D., Sumner Regional Medical Center, Nashville, TN

Deann Hoelscher, M.D., David Grant Medical Center, Travis Air Force Base, CA

Zachary Holt, M.D., Qualified Emergency Specialists, Inc., Cincinnati, OH

Meaghan Keville, M.D., Wright Patterson Medical Center, WPAFB, Dayton, OH

Michael Mack, D.O., Eglin Hospital, Eglin Air Force Base, FL

Eric Masters, M.D., Norton Hospital Group, Louisville, KY

Marlea Miano, M.D., Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton, OH

Brian Pennington, M.D., Wright Patterson Medical Center, WPAFB, Dayton OH

Jeffrey Robinson, M.D., Emergency Medicine Specialists - Kettering Health Network, Dayton, OH

Rachel Terlecky, D.O., Emergency Medicine Specialists - Kettering Health Network, Dayton, OH

Sports Medicine Fellowship

Kali Hollingsworth, D.O., UC Primary Care, Trenton, OH

David Buck, M.D., Greystone Family Care, Dayton, OH and Kettering Sports Medicine Center, Kettering, OH

Congratulations to both of our sports medicine fellows as well.



ORIENTATION PICNIC AND SOFTBALL GAME

As we said goodbye to our graduating class, we were saying hello to our new intern class the next afternoon at the annual orientation picnic and softball game at Dr. **Janz'** house. It was a time to meet and mingle with our new resident class and their families. After a great summertime lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken strips, potato salad, pasta salad, watermelon, cookies, and brownies, it was time for the softball game. Many innings were played between the intern class against the rest of the residents and faculty. Even though the game was cut short due to rain, the kids loved running around and playing in the rain while the grownups enjoyed frozen yogurt and ice cream under the big tent.

A big thank you to Tim and Lisa Janz for hosting the picnic and softball game at their house again this year!





R2 EXTRICATION COURSE

In April, our second year residents (and Drs. **Pickett** and **Deflorio**) participated in the R2 Extrication Course. A big thank you to the Kettering Fire Department for allowing our residents to come out once again to learn basic approach to extrication and how to work around rescue scenes safely. Our residents donned full turnout gear and ripped cars apart with hydraulic tools.





WELCOME CLASS OF 2016!!!

We would like to welcome our new class of residents, the class of 2016!

Sara Birdsong, M.D.

Creighton University School of Medicine

Jamie Bleyer, M.D.

Columbia University (Ben-Gurion)

Nicholas Brautigam, M.D.

Texas Tech University

Devin Burrup, D.O.

Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Jonathan Henderson, M.D.

Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences

Michael Koroscil, M.D.

Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences

Scarlett Michael, D.O.

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

Natalie Portela, D.O.

West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

Kartik Rao, D.O.

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

Rory Stuart, M.D.

Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences

Hideaki (Leo) Tanaka, M.D.

Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences

Nii Sai Torto, M.D.

Howard University College of Medicine

John Trentini, M.D.

Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences

Brian Tucker, D.O.

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

CLASS OF
2016



CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Congratulations to **JR** and Becky **Pickett** on the newest addition to their family. Kaia Leigh Pickett was born on March 30, 2013 at 11:44 am. She was 8 lbs. 1 oz. and 21 inches long

Congratulations to **John-Adam** and Melanie **Bonk**. Ezra Julius Bonk was born on April 4, 2013 at 9:09 am. He was 7 lbs. 10 oz. and 21.5 inches long.



Congratulations to **Nate** and Cammy **Kinder**. Lucas James Kinder was born on Friday May 3, 2013 at 2:54pm. He was 8 lbs 9 oz. and 22.5 inches long.



Congratulations to **Zack** and Beth **Holt**. Jacob Zachary Holt was born on June 7, 2013 at 4:19 am. He weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 inches long.

We are proud to announce the birth of Eden Mercy Taylor (Taylor baby #5). Born July 15 at 9:21 p.m. in Wasilla, AK. Measuring in at a whopping 9 lb 12 oz. and 22 in long!!

She and Stacy are both doing well. Thank you all for your prayers.

-**Travis & Stacy Taylor**





Springer's Stuff

- Brian Springer, M.D.

Way back in the dark and cold of January, I instructed at a Tactical EMS class at the North Carolina Justice Academy. Among the students were resident physicians **Steve Colonna, Alex Keller, Bridget Nestor-Arjun, and Brooke Smith**. They all did a spectacular job: Dr. Colonna struggled through the week in spite of what appeared to be near-lethal Legionnaire's Disease; Dr. Keller served as a squad leader and was *not* fragged by his men; I very nearly performed a cricothyroidotomy on Dr. Nestor-Arjun following her OC exposure; no-military-nor-TEMS-experience Dr. Smith somehow managed to slide through the week unscathed. If there is anyone quotable from the week, I will give to Dr. Keller, who simply stated "Dry decon sucks..."



Drs. Nestor-Arjun, Smith, Keller & Colonna happily await TASER exposure



Not-so-happy following a face-full of pepper spray



Colonna makes a hasty exit from the gas chamber



Your friendly faculty cheer you on during TEMS chemical exposures

Ohio State Patrol Special Response Team camped out at Cox (literally) for several days of active shooter and tactical medical training. My thanks to Drs. **Alex Keller** and **Heidi Abraham** for their assistance, and to Dr. **Ray Ten Eyck** and the Daves for being such generous hosts. Also a quick shout out to Drs. **Edward Smith** and **Scott Rubenstein** for their above-and-beyond efforts with (respectively) Dayton PD and Montgomery County SWAT, and to Dr. **Zachary Holt** for his design of the DTEM challenge coin.

Ohio Tactical Officers Association held their annual meeting in Toledo. I, along with Dr. **Jason Pickett** and Dr. **John Wightman** teamed up with Cleveland MetroHealth physicians and others to provide an intensive training day for tactical medics. We also put together two 30 minute primers on hemorrhage control for Police Officers. It was very well received, and we were asked to do an encore performance for additional conference attendees. We spent the last days of the conference having fun: Drs. Pickett and Wightman burned up rounds in tactical carbine classes, while I shot up terrorist role players with Simmunitions in an urban tactics class. Two pieces of good news: Ohio Tactical Officers Association will be holding their annual conference next year right here in Dayton, and I have assumed the reins as the organization's Tactical EMS Director.

I am an uncle again. Cameron Springer was born in February. Kim and I flew to New York to visit my family in June and meet the little ball of colic. We also spent two nights in Times Square enjoying the din of Manhattan and eating and drinking like royalty. Broadway shows! Central Park! The Russian Tea Room! We had a blast. Every once in a while I need some time in my city of birth (country mouse Kim does quite well in the urban hustle-bustle, too.) In the end though, it is always good coming back home Dayton.

Until the next edition...



*Average human blood volume (in 12 ounce cups),
used as a teaching tool at OTOA*



New nephew Cameron catches a nap

FEATURE THIS....

- Ed Fieg, D.O.



NEW CRITICAL CARE ROTATION AT GOOD SAM

There is a new critical care rotation at Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton. Below is an article that appeared in a recent issue of *Profiles*, Good Samaritan Hospital's newsletter.

Great Things Happen at Good Sam

NEW RESIDENT ROTATION – CRITICAL CARE

Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine has implemented a new critical care rotation at Good Samaritan Hospital for residents. The rotation will include a complement of 3 to 4 residents per four-week block, providing 24-hour coverage for all ICU patients while day-to-day carrying/following a maximum of 10 patients. WSU Integrated Residency in Emergency Medicine will also provide an EM/Critical Care teaching attending physician who will conduct didactic seminars for all ICU trainees 2 to 3 times weekly.

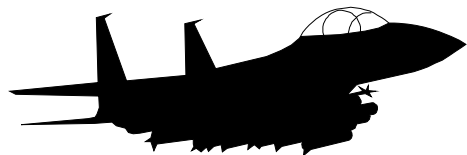


Boonshoft
School of Medicine
WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY



The purpose of the rotation is to teach the resident how to properly manage patients who are critically ill. Many of these patients will have co-existing diseases requiring skills associated with general internal medicine. To properly evaluate and treat these patients, the resident will need to perform a complete history and physical examination and order appropriate diagnostic tests. The resident, working closely with the attending physician, will then need to order and carry out appropriate therapies and monitor the patient's response to therapy. Welcome residents!

Military Maneuvers



Roy Johnson,
Associate Program Director, Military

WELCOME NEW MILITARY RESIDENTS

The academic year is off to a great start on the military side of the house.

The incoming class of military residents is strong, and I expect outstanding things from them. **Rory Stuart**, **Leo Tanaka**, and **Mike Koroscil** are all prior flight surgeons and all graduates of USUHS. **John Trentini** and **Jon Henderson** both have prior service in the Air Force and are also USUHS graduates. **Sara Birdsong** is an Air Force Academy graduate, and she attended Creighton University's School of Medicine on an HPSP scholarship. In addition to the six residents on the military side, we have **Devin Burrup** on the civilian side of the house. Devin graduated from Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine on an HPSP scholarship and is filling a deferred Air Force EM training position. Upon successful graduation from our residency, he will come back on active duty as an EM physician. I am confident that this class will meet with great success during their residency.

WRIGHT-PATTERSON EMERGENCY MEDICINE CLERKSHIP

The Wright-Patterson Emergency Medicine clerkship had its first USUHS medical students do part of their rotation at Good Samaritan Hospital. The feedback from all parties involved has been extremely positive. The high patient acuity at Good Sam a.k.a. "the Slammer" gave these students an excellent EM experience. This highly successful clerkship expansion is a direct result of the hard work and superior efforts of the faculty at USUHS, staff at GSH, and Wright Patterson's, clerkship director, Dr. **Leslie Vojta**, and clerkship coordinator, Ms. Kathy Dyke.

INTERVIEW SEASON BEGINS

We have started the interview season for the military residency candidates. Those we have already interviewed this year have been very good. This will be a particularly competitive year for those hoping to get a military EM training position, because there are only 24 positions available (about a 30% decrease from last year.)

RESIDENCY EXPANSION

Last, I am excited to report the expansion of the military side from 6 to 8 residents per class. The Air Force has approved 8 positions for the class entering training in 2014. Unfortunately due to budget constraints, they currently have only guaranteed funding for 7 of the 8 positions. I am hopeful that during the selection board that they will fund the 8th slot. Lt Col (Dr.) **Mark Antonacci**, a graduate of this program and the Consultant to the Air Force Surgeon General for Emergency Medicine, is actively pursuing funding for this last position. More to follow.

All in all, this is shaping up to be an outstanding academic year training the future of military Emergency Medicine.



Research Results

- Jim Olson, Ph.D.

DEGREES OF SEPARATION

Several graduate students from the lab have moved on to bigger and better things. Amanda Freeman, a Wright State University MD, Ph.D. student completed her dissertation and successfully defended her thesis on May 20th. Amanda began working with us in 2008 after her first year of medical school at WSU through a grant from Emergency Medicine Foundation's Medical Student Research program. Amanda quickly found herself at home in our laboratory and began working with us full time after her second year of medical school. Through her research, we learned detailed mechanisms underlying volume homeostasis of neurons and glial cells. Along the way, Amanda presented her research findings at national meetings of the American Society for Neurochemistry and the Society for Neuroscience. She also presented locally at the Ohio Miami Valley chapter of the Society for Neuroscience where she won the Best Student Poster Presentation in 2011. Having completed her doctorate, Dr. Freeman has returned to her clinical rotations starting with OB in July. She will be back at Cox next year during her fourth year EM rotation.

A Master's student from our laboratory, Mandy Gutwein also defended her thesis on May 20th. In her research project, Mandy examined mechanisms that regulate brain tissue volume during physiological synaptic activity. Results of her thesis research will be presented at the Society for Neuroscience annual meeting this year in San Diego, CA. Mandy has since gone on to begin her medical training at Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine in North Carolina.

As these graduate students leave our laboratory, we welcome, Augusta Eduafo. Augusta has already completed her first year in the Graduate Program in Anatomy. Augusta will be examining production of reactive oxygen species during brain cell swelling in diabetes and hypertension

Adam Goldberg (MS-II) also worked with us during the summer in between a variety of clinical experiences in Los Angeles (addiction research) and Cleveland (ophthalmology). In the lab, Adam has refined the techniques Augusta will be using to measure reactive oxygen production in individual cells. We look forward to working more with Adam even as he begins his busy second year of medical school classes.

SIZE MATTERS

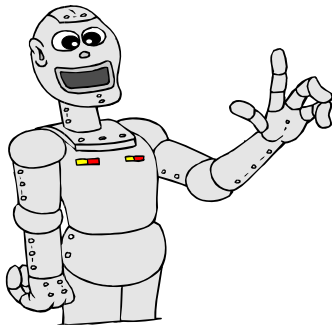
Since our last newsletter, we began a collaboration to examine a potential therapeutic use of nanoparticles. We will investigate nanoparticles composed of cerium oxide, a component commonly found in automobile catalytic converters. When reduced to the size of a few nanometers, the high surface to volume ratios make this material a highly effective antioxidant in biological systems. In preliminary trials from other laboratories, use of these nanoparticles has been examined in the cardiovascular and gastrointestinal systems. In collaboration with Dr. Yanfang Chen (WSU, Pharmacology and Toxicology), our studies will focus on strokes that occur in conditions of essential hypertension. In previous work with Dr. Chen and his colleague, Dr. Jiaolin Zheng, we have shown that excessive production of reactive oxygen species leads to tissue swelling and cell death during ischemic stroke.

Our collaborator in these investigations is Dr. Joe Erlichman who has spent several years spearheading therapeutic development of cerium oxide nanoparticles. We hosted Dr. Erlichman as Visiting Faculty in June, but he had previously spent several years at WSU as a postdoctoral fellow with Drs. Putnam and Dean in the Department of Neuroscience Cell Biology and Physiology. Dr. Erlichman's other connection with WSU is through Dr. **Trentini** (PGY-I) who worked in Dr. Erlichman's lab during his undergraduate years. Dr. Trentini has been instrumental in bringing our laboratories together for this collaborative effort and anticipates finding time to work on study design and development of the project during the coming year. Dr. **Robert Spokane** (EM adjunct professor), who brought an interest in nanoparticles to our lab many years ago, also will be a member of the research and development team. We are currently plowing through the legal and administrative obstacles for this collaboration and hope to begin initial investigations during the fall. We also will complete a grant application to the National Institutes of Health and the Emergency Medicine Foundation to support this research effort.

LABORATORY STAFF 2013

Left to right: Courtney Moore (Masters Student), Jim Olson (Research Laboratory Director), Ron Reichers (Faculty Collaborator), Jaiolin Zheng (Visiting Scientist), Augusta Eduafo (Masters Student), Nancy Andrews (Research Secretary), Guang-ze Li (Adjunct Research Faculty), Robert Spokane (Adjunct Research Faculty), and Adam Goldberg, (Medical Student)





Update from the Center for Immersive Medical Education and Research (CIMER)

- Ray Ten Eyck, M.D.

MEDICAL STUDENT SIMULATIONS

This winter and spring were marked by a growing number of second year-medical student simulation programs. In addition to the established simulation sessions presented at Cox for the Cardiovascular Course and the Respiratory Course, we added two in-situ simulations on the main campus as well as a full-day session at Cox for the Renal Course. Four of the five sessions were conducted without incident in the dead of winter. However, in March, the Renal Course simulation sessions were marred by a partial snow day. We were fortunate to have our faculty and residents volunteer to support these sessions which are well received by the students and the basic sciences faculty. Dr. **Janz**, who has been a perennial supporter of the respiratory simulations, was joined by Dr. **Castelbuono**, Dr. **Nestor-Arjun** and Dr. **David**. Dr. Janz was back again for the renal simulation during the 'great blizzard of 13' along with Dr. **Pickett**, Dr. **Racicot**, Dr. **Holloway**, and Dr. **Alcocer**.

SIMULATION PROCEDURE NIGHT FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICINE INTEREST GROUP (EMIG)

Shortly after completing the March MS-2 simulations, we sponsored a simulation procedure night for the Emergency Medicine Interest Group. Again our residents selflessly volunteered their time to provide a great learning experience. Our thanks go out to Dr. **Pennington**, Dr. **Racicot**, Dr. **Abraham**, Dr. **Rubenstein**, and Dr. **Nestor-Arjun**.

RESIDENTS ASK FOR MORE SIMULATIONS

In addition to helping as instructors, our residents continued in a learner role in the core simulation curriculum. Despite 60+ simulation encounters included in the three-year curriculum, some residents asked for more. The most noteworthy was Dr. **Rubenstein** who wanted to "be put through the gauntlet" (his words, not mine). We provided Scott with a 2 ½ hour lab involving 6 patients spread throughout 3 rooms and he showed up with his "A"-game. Dr. Rubenstein's efforts helped us evaluate our ability to conduct multiple patient scenarios, allowing us to document additional EM Milestones in the simulation lab.

THE MILESTONE PROJECT

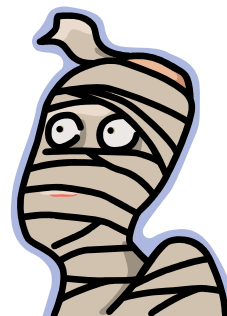
The Milestone Project consumed a good deal of our time during the winter and spring. We assessed the 227 performance standards in the project and mapped over half of them to learning objectives in our residents' simulation curriculum. With the help of many hours of programming efforts by my brother Paul, we launched an electronic tool to expedite documenting the performance standards demonstrated by our residents in the simulation lab. In addition, the tool automatically produces individual and cumulative reports as our residents progress through their program.

OTHER SIMULATIONS AND PROJECTS

The spring was filled with simulation sessions created to support a number of groups outside our residency and the School of Medicine, including an EM physician group, the respiratory care professionals at Greene Memorial Hospital and the physician assistant students from Kettering College. Again it was only with the support of our faculty and residents that we were able to provide these vital training opportunities. We greatly appreciate the support provided by Dr. **Brown**, Dr. **Janz**, Dr. **Wightman**, Dr. **DeFlorio**, Dr. **Vojta**, Dr. **Nelson** and Dr. **Broering**. These activities dovetailed with the arrival of our new residency class and the start of the Orientation Block, marking the beginning of a new academic year. Although our teaching schedule has somewhat limited our research efforts, six of our residents did complete their simulation scholarly projects and submit them for publication. In addition we presented three posters, and published one abstract this spring.

FROM THE OTHER SIDE

- Jon Singer,



ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

July to July marked one year since my acquisition of emeritus status. In that time-frame I made it five times to the office to read, invite and score applicants for last year's civilian pool. I then made it for the big Department parties where it was great seeing everyone, if only for a few moments each. Little of my party behaviors had changed: two beers and when the DJ struck up the dancin' music, I hit the road back to Cincy. It was hard to give up heading to the Janz's for the orientation softball game.

FUTURE VISITS

In the 1980's I had picked out a plot in Springboro. Ruth eventually went with me on a Sunday morning to look at the treed 1-acre lot as we talked of a floor plan. You know the story: she responded by declaring, "You are not going to move me here as I would be 45 minutes from Kenwood Mall!" so I continued to commute. My lovely wife had her knee scoped, but the osteoarthritis has continued to limit her mobility. This winter she had to plan the trip to the basement laundry room and negotiate stairs backwards, then crawl up to the ground floor, then crawl back to the 2nd floor to sleep at night. In March we began a search for a one-floor abode. We circled the states of Ohio and Kentucky to bid five times. The last bidding was successful; in September we will move to Miami Bluffs. This small community is 1 to 2 miles east of Kings Island, and 1 to 2 miles west of route 22/3(Montgomery Road). We'll get there by exiting mile marker 25 off Interstate 71. As we can leave the front door and hold our breath till we hit South Lebanon, I think we will be equidistant between The Greene and Kenwood Mall, the epicenter of Ruth's existence. This 10 year old house will be our second home after 41 years here. Some of you military folks move more often than I have bowel movements lately, so my proclamation of departing one location for another may be a yawn. Until I head up 741, 48 or 42 to see you all, take care.

SECOND LIFE

- Glenn Hamilton, M.D.



OCCASIONAL SIGHTINGS

Having long been in the habit of generating an annual report, it seemed only appropriate to give a one-year update since retiring in 2012. It must begin with a slight apology as there is no emergency medicine in this message, rather more details about the “life after” and its pleasures.

In July 2012, my first task was to remember the enjoyment of the prior 25 years as Chair. Promoting the wonderful talent of the Wright State Emergency Medicine residents and faculty remains one of the great satisfactions of my life.

During my first six months of freedom Lynda, Liz and I undertook a steady diet of extended travel. When you recognize your life in medicine is generally limited to a one to two week block of vacation, the idea of taking a month or more can be a little daunting. We headed back to one of our favorite areas in the world and enjoyed both land and cruise travel in Italy and Greece.



We continued in the United States with road trips to the East (NYC, DC), West (CA, CO), and South (OK, NC). This summer we'll finish boxing the compass with a trip North. We especially enjoyed a trip to Colorado to visit our daughter, Kate, who now lives in the “mile high plus” town of Boulder. The ability to linger allows the chance to get off the main roads and tour Presidential Libraries (Garfield, Eisenhower, Truman), revisit the Earps and Doc Holliday in Dodge City, and pick up the occasional speeding ticket in the Great Plains from a well-hidden State Trooper. Of course an important part of travel is the food. Using the Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives list (flavortownusa.com), the application Urbanspoon, and a heartfelt (literally) seeking all regional barbeque; we really managed to find a number of wonderful out-of-the-way places....and still lose 20 lbs in the process.

We've also been planning those big bucket-list events for travel. The first might be the most adventuresome, allowing us to reach our seventh continent. James and I, with the guidance of Leslie Wolf, have arranged a National Geographic Explorer trip to Antarctica near the end of this year. It may be worth a report on its own.

Beyond travel, there is the opportunity to focus on the things one enjoys the most. The best of these is family. We have thoroughly enjoyed the addition of our first grandson, Lincoln Charles, and had the unique opportunity to witness up-close his first year of growth and development. A wonderfully tempered boy, he has brought both joy and renewed vision of surroundings through his eyes to all of us—I'll comment on occasion but a promise not to over-report.

Another element of our travel has been to find the right pre-college transitional program for our "final" daughter Elizabeth. She has some specific needs that can be addressed by the right setting and we've literally gone coast-to-coast in exploring those possibilities. Once we make the choice for her next step, it is likely that after all these years, just like so many of you, Dayton will be in our rearview mirror.

I am a much improved "doctor of motors." Two automobiles that were not running last July are now aggressively pursuing mileage on the roads. You may catch the occasional sighting of a blurred 1936 Auburn Supercharged Phaeton or a less blurred (less horsepower) 1953 MGTD. Both have been added to the nursery and there are more currently undergoing both major and minor surgery in preparation for tours and road time. We recently participated in the Model A Restorers Club National Meet in Lexington, Kentucky and came away with a substantial award for a very original '29 Model A Phaeton. The back roads of America remain as pleurably addictive as ever.

The year has been filled with the opportunity to read a host of books that have been waiting on the shelf for a long time. I'd strongly recommend Robert Caro's four books on Lyndon Johnson, and Rick Atkinson's now completed trilogy on the United States in WWII. There is a phrase from Caro's most recent book that serves as a leadership lesson: "*Power doesn't corrupt, it reveals.*" That is an observation in life worth remembering.



I've not lost my academic interests, and am working on a series of presentations on the pioneers of the automobile. There are so many wonderful personalities slowly being lost to time, including Billy Durant, Alfred Sloan, Walter Chrysler, and, of course, Charles Kettering. I plan on 10-15 biographies over time, and the library visits and correspondence have gone a long way to quench that old thirst for knowledge. It is great fun to learn their stories, separate fact from fiction, and help them live again.

SECOND Life

Continued...

The James Taylor song says “*The secret to life is enjoying the passage of time*”, and for the first time in many years it’s nice to feel that time is your friend. I certainly hope all of you are pursuing your lives and careers successfully, as always it was my privilege to serve in the Chair’s role. It was time to move on, and the pursuits and opportunities over the last year have validated that timing. I’m sure there will be more “occasional” sightings in the future, and until then I look forward to seeing many of you down the road. We will certainly be on it.

CHAIR BROWN KNOWS

- James Brown, M.D.



SEASON OF TRANSITIONS

This is the season for transitions. On June 21st we gathered at the Dayton Racquet Club for our 34th graduation. The graduates and their destinations are listed elsewhere in the *Update*. It is always nice to meet the graduates’ families and the DRC put on an exceptional spread. **Beth Berretoni MD**, who directs our hand surgery rotation, received a special award from the military residents for her contribution to their education. I know Beth was quite touched by the gesture.

On June 22nd (the next day), we welcomed our new interns. You should already have met the group in previous Updates. We spent most of July orienting the newbies to the program and the wonders of emergency medicine. They seem to be off to a great start.

One of the more significant transitions for the program (at least for me) also occurred on July 1st. I stepped down as program director and turned the reins over to Dr. **Ed Fieg**. 12 ½ years in the PD job is enough for anybody. And the program deserved a full-time person devoted to it. I’m very excited to welcome Ed to this position; I think he’s the perfect fit. Many of you already know Ed from his time as faculty at the base in the late 2000’s. I will be an Associate PD (along with Roy Johnson) for the near future to help ease the transition. There are a lot of new ACGME requirements and this was the perfect time to transition to some new blood.

We will be welcoming 2 new faculty members over the coming months. **Dennis Mann PhD MD** will be joining us in mid-September. He is currently clinical faculty at MVH and will be moving over to the academic side of things. Dennis has his PhD in pharmacology/toxicology, so he will be helping us in that area. Our other new faculty is **Catherine Marco MD**, who will be moving down from Toledo in November. Catherine is currently the Program Director at the University of Toledo. She also is a board member of ABEM. Catherine will be helping out with our scholarly works oversight, among other duties.