From the Chairman

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I am very proud of Jill and April and Jacquie and all our associate directors and faculty.

There are many things I could write about this month. Sometimes that’s not true, although for 17 years I have been able to create some amount of verbiage to fill a page. I rarely write about anything personal unless it is an unusual family saga but there are exceptions.

I lost my brother and my hero on the same day. Bob lost a battle with cancer but really from the effects of chemo a week after being told he was in remission. He was older than me, and I, of course, was never without him for my entire life. He was a better athlete, a better student, financially better off, but I have better hair. (He inherited the Wasserman baldness gene.)

I was the typical, pain-in-the-ass little brother. When he was on a sports team and they received jackets with nicknames on them, I wanted one too even though I was barely 6 years old. So of course I got a jacket and was so proud of the embroidered name, “little Wass.” We watched Joe Namath win the Super Bowl together and he never gave up hope for a repeat. He gave me my first 45 rpm record, Fats Domino’s Blueberry Hill and we shared our first set of golf clubs; unfortunately, he was a lefty as was my father so I became ambidextrously bad.

Bob became a lawyer and built a successful firm in Northern N.J. I used to relish in telling people that he was a bankruptcy lawyer with the motto: “Let the Bad Times Roll.” He had a giant personality, and I never knew a person who wasn’t immediately taken with him. He owned and raced trotters and even occasionally had a winner (although the glue you are using probably had its origins from the Wasserman stable). Everyone was a friend and there was nothing he wouldn’t do to help someone. He married his high school sweetheart and celebrated their 50th anniversary (which I forgot) a year ago in Hawaii.

He gave me a great nephew and niece, and my niece’s husband became a second nephew. This was followed by two special boys who became my brother’s reason for living. About 10 years ago he had stage IV lymphoma and beat it, and I watched a change come over him in setting new priorities. Work came second and family first (although golf remained in stiff competition.)

I was the best man at his wedding and he at mine because it was the natural thing to do. Our dad had the worst job in the world, driving a bread truck in the middle of the night so people could have their fresh bread in the morning. Bob would help out some nights to relieve the burden but I was too little to help. But we both were determined to make our dad’s sacrifice meaningful by becoming people he would be proud of.

Once we went off to school, we never lived in the same town again, and we didn’t speak all that often. But we had a special bond that only brothers can appreciate. He loved my children and they him and they couldn’t wait to tell Uncle Bobby about some great achievement. When I had no money to repair a broken car, a check came in the mail to get it fixed. He was as proud of my accomplishments as I was of his, and he was one of the few people who bragged about GW keeping Cheney alive. So even though he was a strict, radical, right wing Republican, we never had a disagreement as adults. Not one fight ever! Of course we never talked politics. I left it to Penny to fight with him at many memorable Thanksgiving dinners. Oh how he adored Sarah Palin -- not because of her intellect but because she reminded him of his beautiful wife.

It is very special to have a brother watch over you and your family. I am having trouble dealing with this, but Bob, I know, tried to make it easier. You see we shared a love of convertibles, and he bought a new Mustang convertible in the last few months which he gushed over the last time I saw him healthy at New Years. And although we never discussed it, I just know he is happy that I didn’t let it be sold but took it for my own. Amazing the things that give you comfort when you are grasping to hold on.

Alan G. Wasserman, M.D.
Department of Medicine
April 2016 Grand Rounds

APR 7 “Update in Osteoporosis”
Mandana Hashefi, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Division of Rheumatology
Department of Medicine
GW Medical Faculty Associates

APR 14 “Uveitis”
Monica Dalal, MD
Department of Ophthalmology
GW Medical Faculty Associates

APR 21 “Digital Health Strategies to Reduce Health Disparities: Innovations for Underserved Communities”
Garth Graham, MD, MPH
President, Aetna Foundation
Associate Professor of Medicine
University of Connecticut School of Medicine

APR 28 “Uticaria”
Adam Friedman, MD
Associate Professor of Dermatology
Director, Residency Program
Director, Translational Research
Department of Dermatology
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The George Washington University Medical Center (GWUMC) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. GWUMC designates this continuing medical education activity on an hour-for-hour basis in Category I of the Physician’s Recognition Award of the American Medical Association (AMA).

Cardiology Grand Rounds
5:00 PM, Ross Hall, Room # 104

APR 6 Mortality & Morbidity Conference

APR 13 Vivek Jain, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Director, GW Sleep Disorders Center
GW Medical Faculty Associates
Sleep Apnea

APR 20 Garth Graham, MD, MPH
President, Aetna Foundation
Associate Professor of Medicine
University of Connecticut School of Medicine
Population Based Trends in Coronary Artery Disease, Geography versus Genes: The Benefits of a Targeted Approach

APR 27 Christopher O’Connor, MD
CEO
Inova Heart and Vascular Institute (IHVI)
Jacob Varghese Visiting Professorship
Note Location Change: Westin Georgetown Hotel 2350 M Street NW, Washington DC

Resident Lecture Series
April 2016 Noon Conference

APR 1 Chairman’s Rounds
APR 4 “Pulmonary Function Testing”- Dr. Jalil Ahari
APR 5 Journal Club
APR 6 GME Core Lecture
APR 7 Medicine Grand Rounds
APR 8 No Conference
APR 11 “COPD”– Dr. Jalil Ahari
APR 12 Clinicopathologic Conference– Drs. Raeva Malik and Nejat Naser
APR 13 TBD
APR 14 Medicine Grand Rounds
APR 15 Chairman’s Rounds
APR 18 TBD
APR 19 TBD
APR 20 TBD
APR 21 Medicine Grand Rounds
APR 22 No Conference
APR 25 TBD
APR 26 Mortality & Morbidity– Drs. Betsy Kidder and Caitlin Biedron
APR 27 TBD
APR 28 Medicine Grand Rounds
APR 29 Chairman’s Rounds

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**Internal Medicine Match**

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**Please Join Us In Welcoming Our Newest Addition to the Medicine Faculty**

Maram Alkhatib, MD, will join the Division of General Internal Medicine in April, 2016 at the M Street location.

Dr. Alkhatib earned her Medical Degree in 2008 at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and in 2012, she completed a Master of Science degree in clinical Research at the National University of Ireland. Dr. Alkhatib’s Residency was completed in Internal Medicine, Primary Care track in 2015, here at The George Washington University. She is board eligible in Internal Medicine and is licensed in the District of Columbia.

Dr. Alkhatib’s clinical experiences stem from basic specialist training at Galway University in Ireland and here at The George Washington University. She has teaching experience and budding scholarly activity, which include a number of posters and presentations locally and internationally, which she will continue to build on during her tenure here at the GW MFA.

Linda K. Salva, MD, MPH, PA-C joined the Division of Infectious Diseases in March 2016 as a Certified Physician Assistant. Linda will be located at The George Washington University Hospital.

Linda is a highly qualified professional; she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in 1986 at Florida Atlantic University. In 1996, Linda completed a Physician Assistant Program at the Nova Southeastern University in Florida, where she also completed her Master of Public Health degree that same year. In 2012, Linda earned her Medical Degree at the University of Health Sciences, Antigua School of Medicine in the West Indies. She is certified as a Physician Assistant by the National Commission on Certification of Physicians (NCCPA) and is licensed in the District of Columbia and Florida.

Over a period of thirty years, Linda has gained valuable experiences and has been a dedicated lifelong medical professional. She has a diverse expertise in public health, nursing, infectious diseases, internal medicine and military medical support.

Linda has earned many accolades throughout her years of service, including the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Florida Cross, to name a few. She is an avid volunteer and is Bilingual in English and Spanish.

Anne L. Hunley, MS, ACNP-BC joined the Division of Pulmonary Medicine in March 2016.

Anne earned her Bachelor’s degree in Nursing at Columbia University School of Nursing in 2005. In 2008, Anne completed her Master of Science degree in Nursing, at the same institution. She is certified by The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNP-BC), and is licensed in the District of Columbia and the Common Wealth of Virginia.

Anne gained her experience in healthcare through a number of positions covering a number of specialties including General Surgery, Cardiothoracic Surgery, and Emergency Medicine. She also acquired experience in the academic realms, as an Instructor of Clinical Nursing at Columbia University School of Nursing and is published.

Anne is a seasoned volunteer and has undertaken many volunteer assignments over the years both internationally, Kenya, Nepal, China and locally, in New York.

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**Chairman’s Rounds**

GWU Hospital Auditorium, 12:00 Noon
All Faculty Invited to Attend

**April 1**
- Dr. Charlie Lee
- Dr. Mitali Mehta

**April 15**
- Dr. Abeer Alfaraj
- Dr. Jason Gendall

**April 29**
- Dr. Nathan Calabro
- Dr. Omar Siddique
Rheumatology Academic Conference Schedule
April 2016

2300 M Street, Suite 3-332
8 AM – 11:30 AM
Questions? Call (202) 741-2488

APR 7: Integrative Medicine Approaches in Rheumatology
Mikhail Kogan, MD

APR 7: Didactic Sessions

APR 14: Radiology Conference
Dr. Kathleen Brindle,
Associate Professor of Radiology
Chief, Musculoskeletal Radiology
NOTE LOCATION: GWU Hospital
Radiology Conference Room

APR 14: Didactic Sessions

APR 21: Intra-City Rheumatology Grand Rounds
NOTE LOCATION: NIH
NOTE TIME: 7:30 AM

APR 21: Faculty Meeting

APR 28: Journal Club
J. Miller, MD

APR 28: Didactic Sessions

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Kudos and Congratulations

Congratulations… to Pedro A. Jose, MD, PhD. Professor of Medicine in the Division of Renal Diseases and Hypertension and Professor of Pharmacology and Physiology at GWSMHS, who was co-recipient of the prestigious American Heart Associations' 2015 Excellence Award in Hypertension Research. Great Work!

Chairman’s Recognition: From time to time, we like to recognize special services that our faculty help bring to the MFA. Big thanks to Nora Taylor, MD, Rheumatology, for introducing and making Rheumatology Ultrasound part of the curriculum for faculty and house staff.

Kudos… to Dr. Gail Povar, Clinical Professor of Medicine, on receiving a letter of thanks from Annals of Internal Medicine for her efforts as a reviewer during 2015.

Condolences…

To the family of Jill Paulson, MD, Endocrinology, whose mother passed away in February.

To the family of Elizabeth Bluhm, MD, General Internal Medicine, whose father passed away in March.

To the family of Pamela McClain, COO, whose father passed away last month.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their family during this difficult time.

See you next month! The Editor

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