COME TO THE NEXT RFA MEETING

The next meeting of the RWJMS Retired Faculty Association (RFA) will be on November 21, 2008 at 12 noon in the Piscataway Dean’s Conference Room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

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1. Nomination and Method of Election of RFA Officers
   Initial Elections and Membership Committee: Michael Gochfeld, John Lenard, Mary Swigar, and David Riley (Chair).

   The committee will present its slate of nominees. Additional nominations may be made at the meeting. The method for election of officers will also be decided at this meeting.

2. Panel Discussion “Partial Retirement at RWJMS” – Michael Gallo and John Lenard will discuss their status as retired tenured faculty members who maintain partial employment at UMDNJ with benefits.

3. Remembrance Service Honoring Dr. Pamela Champe – Barbara Brodsky.
   Dr. Pamela Champe, a former faculty member in the Biochemistry Department, passed away on June 22, 2008 in West Virginia. This portion of the program will be set aside to pay tribute to this wonderful colleague. Everyone who wishes may speak or send reminiscences, which should be sent to Barbara Brodsky (Brodsky@umdnj.edu; Department of Biochemistry, RWJMS). To honor Pam Champe, the RWJMS Alumni Association created a scholarship fund in her memory. Contributions can be made online at https://registration.umdnj.edu/%7Ereg/rwj_alumni/new.htm. Please contact Roberta Ribner, Coordinator, Alumni Affairs at ribnerrs@umdnj.edu or 732-235-6310 for additional information about the scholarship fund.

To make a reservation for the luncheon (cost $10) at the November 21st meeting, please notify Paul Manowitz by November 12 (manowitz@umdnj.edu, 732-235-4347). However, the luncheon is optional. You can come just for the meeting without having the luncheon.
NOTES FROM THE RFA MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

RWJMS RFA Bylaws

At the September 19th RFA meeting, the bylaws committee composed of David Riley, Chair, Donald Dubin, Paul Manowitz, and Barbara Brodsky presented the bylaws. The bylaws were approved unanimously.

The following people were selected to serve on the Initial Nominating and Elections Committee: David Riley, John Lenard, Michael Gochfeld, and Mary Swigar. This committee will decide upon the term of office for each officer to allow for staggered terms and nominate a slate of candidates.

NEWS FROM AFAR

The following e-mails were read at the meeting:

Norman Sissman: “In 2005 my wife and I moved to a retirement community, called Kendal, in Westchester County on the banks of the Hudson River. This is a quite beautiful area and we are very happy with the community. We also like its proximity to Manhattan; a 40 minute ride and we’re at Grand Central and the city’s opera, museums, theater, good food and many friends.”

Margaret Brostrom wrote from Menomonie, Wisconsin: “Although Charlie is ‘fully retired from his former profession,’ I freelance part-time as a medical editor/writer for a company with offices in Taiwan and Mainland China and am thinking of expanding these activities to help another company. The library privileges afforded me as a retired RWJMS faculty member have been indispensable to my work…Charlie and I are truly in love with retirement and hope that other Association members are as happy as we are.”

Sandra Leiblum wrote from Bridgewater, NJ: “I am actually doing a lot of speaking…On September 26, 2008 – I’m an invited speaker at the North American Menopause Society Meeting in Florida – speaking about diagnosis and treatment of pre- and post-menopausal hypoactive sexual desire. On October 2, 2008 – I’m speaking at the special interest group on sexuality of the Royal Society of Medicine in London on Sexual Arousal in Women. On November 6, I’m doing a round table in Puerto Rico at the Society for Scientific Study of Sexuality, and then another talk just before the Association of Reproductive Health meeting in SF…”

Gordon Macdonald wrote from Hummelstown, PA: “I will not be able to attend (the RWJMS RFA meeting) because I will be fishing for salmon in Alaska…We spent a large amount of time this summer on the beach in Sea Isle City, NJ. In addition, Ruth and I drove to South Dakota, Nebraska and Missouri with our granddaughter. Haley attended a summer program for a week in Aurora, Nebraska dealing with the flora and fauna of the prairie and its preservation.”
Transitioning to and Experiencing Retirement

Victor Stollar moderated a panel discussion on “Transitioning to and Experiencing Retirement.” Joseph Zawadsky gave a heart-felt review of his life. One of his greatest pleasures is attending sports events to watch his grandchildren. Pat Morris revealed that her husband, Ron, is now playing a saxophone in an orchestra and enjoys photography. She reminisced to a time when Rutgers Medical School was just getting started and Ron and Bruce Beckenridge were the only two faculty members of the Pharmacology Department. Ron Cody has been giving SAS workshops around the country and writing statistical books, but is concerned about a hummingbird that has taken up residency in his Texas home.

DIRECTORY OF RETIRED FACULTY MEMBERS

The RWJMS RFA is developing a Directory of Retired Faculty Members, including phone numbers, addresses and email addresses. We do not have contact information for the faculty members listed below. If you have any information, please contact either Barbara Brodsky or Paul Manowitz.

Peter Carlton
Glenn Sisler
Christopher Terrence
Nicholas Wright
Waldburg Zomorodi

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE FOR DR. LAWRENCE TAFT

Dr. Lawrence Taft, founding Chair of the RWJMS Department of Pediatrics, passed away on June 25, 2008. The Dept. of Pediatrics will be holding a remembrance service to honor Dr. Taft on Sunday November 9 from 2-4 pm in the Atrium of the Medical Education Building in New Brunswick. If you would like more information, please contact Dr. Kapila Seshadri at seshadka@umdnj.edu.

This newsletter was edited by Barbara Brodsky and Paul Manowitz. Your questions and comments are very much welcome. Please feel free to contact them: Barbara Brodsky, brodsky@umdnj.edu, (732) 235-4048; and Paul Manowitz, manowitz@umdnj.edu, (732) 235-4347.