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A SURGEON AND ARTIST MOVES ON

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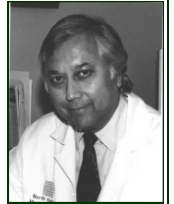
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Dr. Yvan José das Dores Silva (Dr. Yvan Silva) was born in Bombay, India, on July 8, 1936, and died in Southeast Michigan on August 19, 2020. Dr. Silva had an interesting career as an academic surgeon, researcher, and musical artist, where he excelled as a lyricist, singer, and writer. His early years were influenced by his exposure to his grandfather who had a pharmaceutical dispensary in Margoa, Goa, where he developed an interest in becoming a physician. He did his premedical studies at St. Xavier's College and later attended medical school at Topiwala Medical College in Bombay, India. Following the completion of his medical school training, he did his residency training at the Vanderbilt University and completed his surgical residency at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. He received further training as a fellow at the Children's Hospital of Michigan, after which he became a full-time faculty member at WSU. Throughout all of these years, he was a performer who sang at nightclubs during his weekends off.



*Dr. Yvan Silva
(1936-2020)*

Following his initiation as one of our surgical faculty members, he became involved in all sorts of surgical activities including, to some degree, the care of emergency surgical patients, general surgical patients on the elective service, and renal transplantation patients. He had a close relationship with the medical students and was the recipient of the "Staff Award" on three occasions. During his years on the faculty, Dr. Silva was one of the first national surgeons to perform pancreatectomies on patients with end-stage pancreatitis and diabetes in order to harvest the endocrine cells of the pancreas, which were then injected into the portal vein in order to repopulate in the liver. He was one of the first surgeons to identify that the islet cells helped control diabetes only for a limited period of time and seldom for as long as two years. As part of his involvement with the transplant service, he also did experimental studies on porcine liver

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Yvan Silva, MD, continued

transplantation. He had special interest in problems with portal hypertension, which at that time was typically treated with an emergency portacaval shunt in order to control bleeding, which was refractory to control of bleeding by the Sengstaken-Blakemore tube. These clinical experiences with the emergency treatment of bleeding from portal hypertension and the expected mortality that occurred after a portacaval shunt stimulated him to assess the value of portal decompression by a less invasive route; this was done by freeing up and cannulating the umbilical vein so that the portal system could be accessed by way of the recannulated portal vein, which allowed for the blood to be recirculated into the systemic circuit by way of a catheter placed in the superior vena cava. After investigative studies with an external shunt from the umbilical vein to the central venous system, he actually had some patients in whom the shunt was tunneled, or internalized, in an attempt to control bleeding from esophageal varices. This could be described as a first generation model of what we now know as the TIPS procedure for controlling bleeding from esophageal varices. During his years at WSU, he was the “go-to person” for easing the transition of foreign medical graduates into the American way of life as they completed their training within one of the departments at WSU.

Following many years of productivity at WSU, Yvan accepted the position as the Surgical Educational Director at the North Oakland Medical Center, where he was highly respected by the surgical residents who routinely identified him for many years as their best teacher. During these years, he continued to be active in the scientific domain and sponsored many of his residents who presented papers at the Detroit surgical meetings and at the Michigan and Midwest surgical meetings. He continued to be involved throughout these years in the musical scene and when he produced albums of his many recordings, he was identified as “The Singing Surgeon.” His contributions to music went far beyond his singing in that he was an excellent lyricist and composer of many different types of songs. Through all of his activities and professional moons, he always spoke highly of Detroit, stating many times, “Nineteen-sixty-seven would bring me to my life’s crossroad when I moved from performing at Expo 67 in Montreal to Detroit, the destination for my foreseeable future. When I arrived, I became involved, firsthand, in the surgical care of so many people, critically injured in the infamous Detroit riots that would define us for a long time. I have been privileged through these years to work with medical students, surgical residents through their education, and post-graduate fellows in scholarly research. The rich rewards that I have received in clinical surgical practice in adults and children remain as indelible memories of wins and losses in an overarching human drama. My research and scholarly work was nourished amply in an excellent faculty environment. Detroit has been my greatest opportunity, she holds my curious fascination, and she is my home. She lives and gives life, prevails upon the unique grit of her residents, and deserves the respect of those who look and can really see her. Speak well of her, or say nothing at all. That’s my line. I like it just fine.” Dr. Silva is survived by his two daughters, Julie and Jennifer, and their four children, his brother Olaf, and his sister, Brenda.



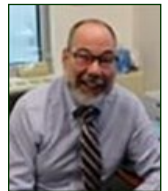
The Singing Surgeon



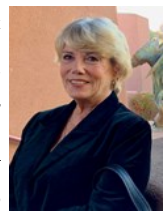
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EVAN R. GELLER, M.D.

Dr. Evan Richard Geller (WSUGS 1987) retired from clinical practice last year due to a visual disability. Prior to coming to WSU, Dr. Geller left his undergraduate program in Biochemistry at Michigan State University after three years to attend medical school at the University of Michigan. Following medical school, he obtained his surgical training at WSU during the chairmanship of Dr. Alex Walt. After residency, Dr. Geller began his 32-year career in general surgery at the University Hospital at Stony Brook on Long Island, NY, when he was recruited away from his hometown, Detroit, by the previous director of trauma surgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Dr. David Kreis. Together, and with a two-year contribution from WSU general surgery alum, Dr. Scott Dulchavsky (WSU/GS 1983/88), they built the first level one trauma program in NY, complete with the creation of an integrated trauma system for Long Island with island-wide helicopter transport. Dr. Geller created and directed the Trauma Research Laboratory at Stony Brook. With Dr. Subir Maitra, PhD, the lab was productive in exploring both basic and clinical investigation in shock and resuscitation, enjoying NIH funding for almost a decade while training multiple residents and fellows from both the departments of surgery and emergency medicine. Dr. Geller went on to become Chief of the Division of Trauma and Critical Care in the Department of Surgery. During his ten years of academic practice and teaching, he was the inaugural recipient of the NY State Aesculapius Award for Excellence in Medical Education as well as the winner of the medical school's Excellence in Teaching Award for nine consecutive years. His residents have gone on to achieve success in academic and private practice, with several currently acting as departmental chairs and divisional directors.



Dr. Evan Geller



Dr. Sheri Ford
Dr. Geller's bride



Port Jefferson, New York

After a decade, Dr. Geller left academic practice for private practice in Port Jefferson, NY, on the north shore of Long Island. He practiced all aspects of general surgery, including an extensive practice in breast surgery, colon surgery, oncology, and advanced laparoscopic surgery. During this time, he continued to participate in trauma care as well as staff the surgical ICU at the University Hospital, Stony Brook. He remained active in teaching, being a frequent lecturer at the medical school, the PA program, and grand rounds contributor. Dr. Geller was active in his local chapter of the ACS, becoming a chapter President. He went on to serve two terms as Governor of the American College of Surgeons. His most recent grand rounds lecture, "The Goat Rodeo—Ruminations on Surgical Misadventure," was given last December at the department of surgery at OHSU.



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He spent almost twenty years in private practice, twelve as chief of surgery and an additional four as chief of the division of general surgery, including a strong robotic surgical practice. Dr. Geller now resides in a small town just north of Scottsdale, Arizona. He and his wife, Dr. Sheri Ford (WSU SOM 1987), spend considerable time, however, in Portland, Oregon, enjoying children and grandchildren. Dr. Ford obtained her medical degree from WSU and her training as a radiologist at SUNY at Stony Brook. She enjoyed a distinguished career in both academic and private practice radiology specializing in breast imaging. Their eldest child, Kate, graduated from Georgetown University and entered a career on Capitol Hill serving on the congressional staff and later as communications director for environmental NFP organizations. Kate now lives in Portland with her husband and two daughters. She is administrator at Oregon Health Sciences University, specializing in legislative communication. His daughter, Sarah, graduated UC Boulder and went on to obtain her PhD at UC Davis. She is a professor of ethnomusicology and recently moved her family, including her two sons, from San Francisco to Seattle. Dr. Geller's youngest offspring, Ethan, trained as a classical percussionist and obtained his music degree in music composition. During his musical career, he played multiple concerts at Carnegie Hall and as a pit orchestra percussionist on Broadway. He subsequently obtained his master's degree in audio engineering from Stanford. Ethan also lives in Seattle, where he is audio engineer for Epic Games, the maker of Fortnite (ask your children). Since leaving surgical practice, Dr. Geller has continued his avocation of writing. He recently published the third book in *The Claddagh Trilogy*, a series of speculative fiction novels based upon the Irish mythological cycle. The first book in the series, *God Bless the Dead*, was a Finalist for the Book of the Year Award by Foreword Reviews. The most recent book is entitled *The Wise Silence of God*. Proceeds from the sales of all three books are donated in their entirety to charity. Dr. Geller has also published poetry, with his poem *GSW Abdomen* published in the medical literary journal *Intima*. In addition to his writing, Dr. Geller is kept busy as principal investigator on a project to develop a high-fidelity robotic surgical simulator utilizing the Unreal gaming engine. Dr. Geller also continues his efforts to bring his invention to market, a device that prevents postoperative incisional adhesions and greatly reduces the risk of postoperative wound infections, for which he holds three patents. He also continues to sporadically write short observations on Life, Writing, and Surgery on his blog, *The Goat Rodeo* (www.theGoatRodeoBlog.com). He still considers himself a Spartan and may be reached through his blog or on Twitter (@GellerEvan). 🌸



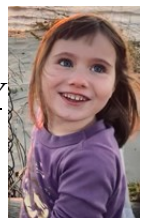
Dr. Geller with his two granddaughters



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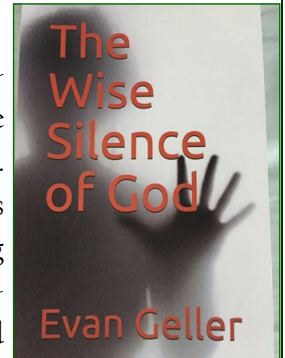
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FROM THE EDITOR:

Dr. Geller published his first novel, entitled *God Bless the Dead*, in 2012 and his second book entitled *The Problem with God*, in 2014. He is proud of the fact that these novels have nothing to do with medicine. Both books are available at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). Dr. Geller's recently published third novel in the Trilogy hinges on ancient Gaelic traditions and incorporates the powers of The Claddagh Ring as it relates to the eternal combining of individuals in this life and the next. The seemingly magical properties of The Claddagh Ring date back to the Druid ages when Druids migrated to Ireland, Scotland, and West England following the Ice Ages. The druid class of this ancient civilization were learned teachers and preserved some of the ancient beliefs through the millennia, and these teachings were protected and documented following the Christianization of Ireland by St. Patrick. Dr. Geller takes advantage of these teachings and the unifying potential of the Claddagh Ring to create an exciting, imaginative, and humorous Trilogy with this last book entitled *The Wise Silence of God*. He satirizes many sacred beliefs in a rather humorous manner and supports what appears to be science fiction by recent scientific discoveries. He extends the current revelations about specific MRI wave patterns with specific thoughts, as has been recently published, to the concept that the interpretation of another's thoughts can be achieved without the benefit of an MRI machine. Members of the surgical clan who have a sense of scientific humor and a little extra time will enjoy this third Geller creation of The Claddagh Ring Trilogy. The book is now available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).



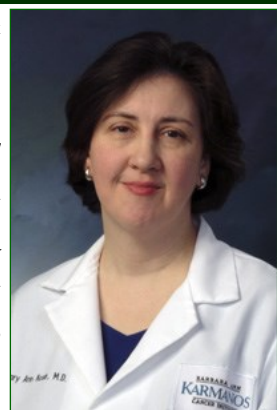
The Geller Clan (left to right) Dr. Evan Geller, daughter Sarah with her husband and two sons, Dr. Geller's bride, Dr. Sheri Ford, and granddaughter (front), daughter Kate with her husband holding their daughter, and son Ethan (sitting)



REPORTS FROM THE OUTFIELD

Dr. Mary Ann Kosir Hangs Up the Scalpel

Dr. Mary Ann Kosir is a native Michigianian who did her undergraduate training at the University of Detroit, finishing in 1978, after which she matriculated at the WSU SOM and graduated in 1982. Her next 9 years were spent in Cleveland, where she did her general surgical residency and research fellowship at the University Hospital of Cleveland/Case Western Reserve School of Medicine. Her research fellowship focused on neoplasms and tumor biology. One of her research projects dealt with “Proteoglycans and Glycosaminoglycans in Malignant Ras-Transformed 3T3 Cells”. This early study of altered physiology associated with tumor cells carried on through her subsequent career as a surgical scientist.



Dr. Mary Ann Kosir

Following her training in Cleveland, Mary returned home to WSU where she became an assistant professor of surgery and of oncology for many years. During these many years, Mary has been a triple threat being actively involved in surgical education, research, and clinical care of patients with breast diseases.

Dr. Kosir’s educational activities spanned many areas. She was a part of the Year II Curriculum for our medical students as she lectured about the endocrine and reproductive organs. Her primary involvement with student education was in Year III, where she was actively involved in the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) for the student clerkship for many years. Besides being the leader in breast related education for the students, she also participated in other general surgical areas in her educational activity, particularly as it relates to intraabdominal diseases. Her activities at the VAMC and the Karmanos Walt Breast Center extended to the surgical residents who were taught by her in the Surgical Skills Lab and learned, hands-on, appropriate ultrasonography of the breast. She provided hands-on teaching to the surgical residents and fellows regarding breast diseases and participated in the Mock Oral Board examinations for the third-year surgical residents. She was an active participant in the Accelerated Clinical Education in Surgery (ACES) course for senior surgical residents as part of a departmental effort to enhance resident scoring on the yearly in-training examinations. As part of this activity, she was actively involved in the mentoring of our surgical residents. As part of her student mentoring activities, Dr. Kosir often had students “shadowing” her activities as a busy breast surgeon seeing patients in the office and in the operating room. Dozens of our medical students and some residents were mentored in this way by Dr. Kosir.

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Dr. Mary Ann Kosir Hangs Up the Scalpel

Mary was a strong supporter of education activities at a department level, and she spent many years as the associate program director. As part of these activities, she was actively involved in accessing resident competency, resident evaluations, resident rotations, and the grand round programming. She was also involved in the role of video training and teleconferencing for residency training.

Regarding the research domain, Dr. Kosir has served on many granting committees both locally at the Veterans Administration Medical Center and nationally as she reviewed grants for Veterans Administration Merit Grants, the Department of Defense, the American Cancer Society, and the US Army Medical Research Program. She was also a reviewer for submitted articles regarding breast diseases to the Journal of Surgical Research, the Clinical and Experimental Metastasis, Cancer Detection and Prevention, and the journal Surgery. During her many years as an academic surgeon, she submitted dozens of research grants and received significant funding for grants related to the physiology of breast cancer. These numerous grants dealt with angiogenesis, receptor status and treatment, chemokines and metastases, postoperative lymphedema, prostatic tumor heparinase, degradation of proteoglycans to glycoaminoglycans on transferred cells, and phototherapy of breast cancer cells. Many of these grants received NIH or other types of funding. Throughout her career, Mary has published about 100 peer review articles, abstracts, and invited chapters, with the most recent submission being in 2020 and currently under review.

From a clinical vantage point, Dr. Kosir has been a leader in the care of patients with breast diseases and has served as the director of the Walt Breast Cancer Center in the Karmanos Hospital. As part of these patient care activities, she has been a leader in the implementation of many clinical trials assessing optimal therapy for patients with different types of breast diseases, especially malignancies. Over and beyond these many clinical responsibilities, Mary was a leader as a member of the Faculty Development Liaison Committee at the VAMC and a strong supporter of defining women's issues throughout the VA system and the University. All of the surgical clan members wish Mary a very rewarding and fulfilling retirement.





REPORTS FROM THE OUTFIELD

Dr. Awni Shahait

Dr. Awni Shahait (WSUGS 2021) presented a paper at the recent Midwest Surgical Association Annual Meeting entitled “Outcome of Cholecystectomy in US Veterans with Cirrhosis.” His co-authors were Drs. Jose Wilson B. Mesquita-Neto (WSUGS 2024), Mustafa R. Hasnain, Mohamad Baldawa, Kara Girtin, Donald Weaver (WSUGS 1979), Khaled J. Saleh, and Gamal Mostafa. Dr. Shahait reported from the Veterans Affairs Medical System in the United States on 60,000 patients with cirrhosis. Within that database from 2008-2015, they were able to identify 349 patients who underwent cholecystectomy. They looked at the demographics and outcome in that group of 349 patients.



Dr. Awni Shahait

There were 202 patients who underwent laparoscopic cholecystectomy (LC) and 147 patients who had open cholecystectomy (OC). The patients who had LC were more likely to be functionally independent (90% vs 76%), have varices on endoscopy (38% vs 20%), have a lower MELD score (10.2 vs 12.7), require emergency operation less frequently (11% vs 30%), have a shorter operation (1.6 vs 2.3 hours), lower LOS (3 vs 6 days), and lower mortality (1.5% vs 6.8%). Dr. Shahait reported that the MELD scored greater than 15 and poor pre-operative functional status correlated with death.

The reviewer is reminded of a prior report by Dr. Robert Bloch (WSUGS 1984) and our long-term chairman, Dr. Alexander J. Walt, which identified that elective cholecystectomy, performed in Child’s Class B patients at the Harper Hospital, was associated with a greater than 20% mortality rate. Dr. Shahait’s abstract did not report on the Child’s classification. It appears that we have come a long way forward.

Dr. Irwin K. Rosenberg Remembers Dr. Walter Evans Fondly

The recognition of Walter Evans was something he well deserved. During his active practice at Hutzel Hospital, he was the “go to” general surgeon who was relied upon by the GYN surgeons and his colleagues. I remember asking him for help during a difficult case, not realizing he was in Windsor. He rushed over to the hospital and scrubbed in to the operation without a word of regret for being taken away from what he was doing. He was always a gentleman, and I was greatly impressed with his expertise in collecting African-American art. Well done!



Dr. Irwin Rosenberg



SAVE THE DATE



The 68th annual meeting of the Detroit Trauma Symposium (DTS) organized by Dr. Larry Diebel (WSU/GS 1980/86) is a very comprehensive program, which has very successfully attracted over 700 attendees annually to Downtown Detroit. The DTW is the oldest trauma symposium in the country, which many of us think “the best.”



Dr. Larry Diebel

The Virus has brought about changes in many of our routine activities. One of these changes has been the cancellation of many meetings and the conversion of many other meetings to the ‘virtual’ technique. Because of the problems related to the Virus, air transportation, and social distancing, Dr. Larry Diebel has arranged for the 2020 68th Annual Detroit Trauma Symposium to be conducted by virtual technique.

The speakers are, as usual, outstanding, and this should be put on your calendar so that you can arrange not to board cases and spend time at home or in your office listening to these excellent presentations. These presentations will occur on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 4, the afternoon of Thursday, November 5, and the afternoon of Friday, November 6. You should take advantage of these outstanding lectures, which will provide an update as to where the country is going in the care of injured and critically ill patients. The details for attending this “virtual” trauma course will be forthcoming. This years’ speakers are:

Times: EST Wednesday, November 4, 2020		
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Michael Cripps, MD	Massive Transfusion Protocol
1:35 – 2:05 PM	Michael Cripps, MD	Simulation in Trauma Training
2:10 – 2:40 PM	Mark Seamon, MD	Emergency Department or Resuscitative Thoracotomy
2:45 – 3:15 PM	Mark Seamon, MD	Temporary Intravascular Shunts
3:20 – 3:50 PM	Adil Haider, MD, MPH	Using the NTDB to Study Trauma Outcomes: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
3:55 – 4:25 PM	Adil Haider, MD, MPH	"Geriatric Trauma Centers": The Next Step in Advancing Trauma Care for Older Americans?
4:30 – 5:00 PM	Robert S. Smith, MD	Efficacy of Firearm Injury Prevention Initiatives from Surgical and Trauma Organizations
5:05 – 5:35 PM	Cripps, Haider, Seamon, Smith	Q&A



SAVE THE DATE



Thursday, November 5, 2020

1:00 – 1:30 PM	Rahul Vaidya, MD	Pelvic Fracture Hemorrhage: The Role of the Orthopedic Surgeon
1:35 – 2:05 PM	Lawrence Diebel, MD	Multidisciplinary Management of Pelvic Fracture Hemorrhage
2:10 – 2:40 PM	Robert S. Smith, MD	The Dedicated Hybrid Operating Room for Trauma
2:45 – 3:15 PM	Lena Napolitano, MD	Updates in ECMO
3:20 – 3:50 PM	Joseph Maroon, MD, FACS	Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy – Past, Present and Future
3:55 – 4:25 PM	Joseph Maroon, MD, FACS	From Icarus to Aequanimitas – Overcoming Adversity and Building Resilience
4:30 – 5:00 PM	Diebel, Maroon, Napolitano, Smith, Vaidya	Q&A

Friday, November 6, 2020

1:00 – 1:30 PM	Martin Schreiber, MD	Stem Cells in Trauma, The Dawn of a New Era
1:35 – 2:05 PM	Martin Schreiber, MD	Whole Blood, Past, Present and Future
2:10 – 2:40 PM	Demetrios Demetriades, MD, PhD, FACS	Thoracic Vascular Injuries: Endovascular Interventions, Follow-up and Outcomes
2:45 – 3:15 PM	Demetrios Demetriades, MD, PhD, FACS	Life in the Balance: Training of the Trauma Surgeon
3:20 – 3:50 PM	Peggy Knudson, MD, FACS	Post Traumatic VTE: What is New
3:55 – 4:25 PM	Peggy Knudson, MD, FACS	The Military Health System Strategic Partnership with the American College of Surgeons
4:30 – 5:00 PM	Lena Napolitano, MD	Development of Future Trauma Leaders: A Personal Perspective and Plan for the Future
5:05 – 5:35 PM	Demetriades, Knudson, Napolitano, Schreiber	Q&A
5:35 – 7:05 PM	Anna Ledgerwood, MD	Panel Discussion



DOWN MEMORY LANE

Anna M. Ledgerwood, MD

October 1971—Chief Residents—J. Primrose

10/01/71—Friday—Staff: C. Lucas

1. PJ—Crush injury left lower leg with fractured tibia and avulsion—popliteal artery repaired with end-to-end anastomosis.
2. CB—GSW left distal femoral artery and vein—ligation vein, end-to-end repair artery.
3. RW—Tracheostomy.
4. VS—Tracheostomy.
5. HC—Recurrent intraabdominal bleeding—ligation of bleeders.
6. LM—GSW right lobe liver—through-and-through wound left kidney with IVP extravasation had repair intrarenal pelvis.



Dr. Anna Ledgerwood

10-02-71—Saturday—Staff: N. Thoms

1. GP—GSW abdomen—through-and-through bladder repaired.
2. ET—Perforated duodenal ulcer—treated with Graham patch.
3. HC—Recurrent intraabdominal bleeding following old GSW—had I and D cecal abscess.
4. GS—Stab abdomen—negative exploration.
5. JH—Laceration neck—exploration negative.
6. MW—CA left colon with obstruction—had right transverse loop colostomy.

10-03-71—Monday—Staff: C. Huang

1. LL—GSW left groin—negative exploration
2. VC—SBO—had lysis adhesions.
3. RB—Stab wound abdomen right lobe liver.
4. MG—Stab abdomen—mesenteric bleeder ligated.

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DOWN MEMORY LANE

Anna M. Ledgerwood, MD

10-04-71—Tuesday—Staff: Y. Silva

1. BR—Laceration flexor tendons right wrist repaired—3,4,5 profundus tendons.
2. MK—7 year old male fell off a garage roof 3 days PTA—temp 102, WBC 18000, tender abdomen—laparotomy showed perforated appendix—had appendectomy.

10-05-71—Wednesday—Staff: Z. Steiger

1. AJ—4 days postop—lysis adhesions for SBO—had decompression with needle enterotomies—postop developed ileus and distention—sepsis, shock—had re-exploration and found leak from needle hole—repaired.
2. DL—Old gunshot wound stomach, pancreas, and colon—had septic course—re-exploration—had drainage retroperitoneal abscess collection.
3. LR—Acute appendicitis—treated with appendectomy.

10-06-71—Thursday—Staff: RF Wilson

1. ET—Postop crush liver with right hepatectomy and 30 units whole blood—liver failure with upper GI bleeding—laparotomy for gastrectomy—patient expired.
2. RH—I and D abscess right hand.
3. LB—Right tubal ovarian abscess—had salpingectomy with oophorectomy.
4. TH—Stab wound left neck—ligation thyroid artery.
5. GC—Meat cleaver to the left wrist—had lacerated flexor tendons, ulnar nerve, and fracture ulnar head—repair of tendons and nerve.

10-07-71—Friday—Staff: Threlkeld

1. NS—GSW through-and-through right neck—hypopharynx and left mandible—ligation of bleeders in right neck and repair of hole in hypopharynx.
2. DW—GSW right chest—bullet in the mediastinum—exploration right chest showed active bleeding vertebral column with branches azygos vein and bleeding of the right lower lobe—all were oversewn.



WSU MONTHLY CONFERENCES

2020

Death & Complications Conference
Every Wednesday from 7-8



Didactic Lectures — 8 am
Kresge Auditorium

****GRAND ROUNDS WEBINAR****

The WSU Alumni is invited to be part of our Grand Rounds Webinar each month. The WebEx application that is used for Grand Rounds allows 100 users to sign in at a time.

This is a great way to stay connected with the WSU family and friends and, perhaps, eventually be part of the Grand Rounds by presenting remotely.

Details on connecting are as follows:

1. **WebEx app**—Recommended

Download the WebEx app ([iOS](#), [Android](#), [MacOS](#), or [PC](#)) and join meeting number **626 407 145** or follow this link once you have the app: <https://meetingsamer5.webex.com/join/neildpatl>.

2. **Phone in**

Dial [+1 \(408\) 418-9288](tel:+14084189288) and enter access code **626 407 145**.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Dr. David Edelman at dedelman@med.wayne.edu.



**WSU MONTLY CONFERENCES
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Didactic Lectures — 8 am
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*****ALL CONFERENCES DONE VIA WEBEX, 7:30 A.M.*****

Wednesday, October 14

Death & Complications Conference

How the Other Half Lives...Women in Surgery

Paula M. Termuhlen, MD

Regional Campus Dean

University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth Campus

Wednesday, October 21

Death & Complications Conference

Update on Evidence-Based Trauma Care

Heather Dolman, MD

Wayne State University Michael & Marian Ilitch Department of Surgery

Wednesday, October 28

Death & Complications Conference

ACS Senior Resident Presentations

Wayne State University Michael & Marian Ilitch Department of Surgery



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Dear Wayne State Surgical Alumni and Friends,

The WSSS continues to thrive, offering support to our members and the current general surgery residents at WSU. As the new president of the Wayne State Surgical Society (WSSS), I would like to greet you in the new year and report on the Society's activities in 2019. Our annual meeting was held during the American College of Surgeons meeting in San Francisco, California at the Moscone Center. A cocktail reception was hosted by Chairman Don Weaver followed by the WSSS banquet and meeting. The banquet is free to all Society members, with current residents attending as our guests.

The Society also sponsors the annual WSSS Lectureship named in memory of Dr. Walt. The evening before society members have an opportunity to meet and question the WSSS Lecturer on the topics of the day. The discussion is typically quite interesting and wide ranging. The meal is wonderful. Last year's speaker was Dr. Roxie Mae Albrecht from the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center and the OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City, OK. She is a Professor and the Vice Chair of Quality, and the Division Chief of General Surgery, Trauma and Surgical Critical care in the Department of Surgery at OU Health Science Center. Dr. Albrecht is also the Medical Director of Trauma and Surgical Critical Care at the OU Medical Center, the only ACS verified Level I Trauma Center in Oklahoma. Dr. Albrecht is from the University of Michigan and an expert in Acute Care Surgery and Critical Care as well as a board member of the ABS and a Governor of the ACS. This year's speaker will be Dr. Joseph C. Maroon, clinical professor and vice chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery and Heindl Scholar in Neuroscience at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. In addition to being a renowned neurosurgeon, he is a sports medicine expert, health and nutrition expert and Ironman triathlete. Dr. Maroon is regarded as a premiere specialist in the surgical treatment of injuries and diseases of the brain and spine, specializing in minimally invasive procedures. Consistently listed in *America's Best Doctors* for the past 20 years, he has an international referral base, including numerous professional athletes and celebrities. This year's annual WSSS Lectureship is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, at the Kresge Auditorium in the Harper Hospital. Because of the current pandemic, this has to be looked upon as a tentative schedule pending the status of social mingling in November of this year.

Your WSSS membership also covers your admission to the annual Detroit Trauma Symposium (DTS). The Symposium, put together by Larry Diebel, is first rate and well worth attending. This year, the DTS is scheduled to occur on Thursday and Friday, November 5/6 at the MGM Casino in Downtown Detroit. The DTS is the oldest trauma symposium in the country and has been very successful under the leadership of Dr. Diebel, who typically attracts over 700 people to this very excellent event. The current planning for the 2020 DTS is in limbo because of the social restrictions of the pandemic and the DTS may occur, this year, in a virtual manner. This will be determined by the health guidelines later this year.

Each year, the WSSS sponsors the WSSS Alumni meeting on the Tuesday in October when the American College of Surgeons meeting takes place in Chicago. The pandemic appears to be affecting those plans in that the American College of Surgeons meeting will probably occur as a virtual meeting this year so that the annual meeting of the WSSS on the Tuesday of the ACS meeting will likely not occur. This is always an exciting meeting for our senior residents whose expenses are totally covered for attendance at the ACS annual meeting and the annual reunion of the WSSS.

The WSSS currently has 126 members including 65 Charter Life members who have or will donate \$10,000 to the Society, tax deductible! **If you are not receiving the newsletter please let us know your email so that you can be included to receive this very fun and informative newsletter for all the alumni of the department of surgery.** It gives me great pleasure to tell you that we have over \$189,932.70 in the bank and are in the process of investing a portion to ensure the Society will exist in perpetuity. Consider becoming a Life Member, invest in the future, and one of these outstanding residents may just become your partner!

Enclosed with this letter is a ballot for new officers and board members. Also included is the form for your annual dues. I always thought that the standards and skills learned during my residency formed the foundation for my professional career. The society offers the opportunity to continue a relationship with the program, both by continued fellowship with peers and mentors, and the support to those who will be replacing us when we retire. I think the WSSS is worthy of your support.

Serving as our Society president will be an honor. The WSU Michael and Marian Ilitch Department of Surgery and the WSSS is responsible for a large part of our success as surgeons. It is an organization that brings old friends together with mentors and future partners. It is worthy of our participation and support.

Sincerely yours,
Scott Davidson, MD, FACS
President, WSSS



Wayne State Surgical Society
2020 Dues Notice

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Service Description	Amount
2019 Dues Payment _____ \$200	_____
My contribution for "An Operation A Year for WSU" _____	_____
*Charter Life Member _____ \$1000	_____
Total Paid _____	_____

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Include your credit card information below and mail it or fax it to 313-993-7729.

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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

*I want to commit to becoming a charter life member with payment of \$1000 per year for the next ten (10) years.

Send check made payable to **Wayne State Surgical Society** to:

Charles Lucas, MD
Department of Surgery
Detroit Receiving Hospital, Room 2V
4201 St. Antoine Street
Detroit, Michigan 48201

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Please Update Your Information

The WSUSOM Department of Surgery wants to stay in touch. Please email Charles Lucas at clucas@med.wayne.edu to update your contact information.



Missing Emails

Over the years the WSU Department of Surgery has lost touch with many of its alumni. If you know the email, address, or phone number of the following WSU Department of Surgery Residency Program graduates please email us at clucas@med.wayne.edu with their information so that we can get them on the distribution list for the WSU Department of Surgery Alumni Monthly Email Report.

Mohammad Ali (1973)

David B. Allen (1992)

Tayful R. Ayalp (1979)

Juan C. Calzetta (1982)

Kuan-Cheng Chen (1976)

Elizabeth Colaiuta (2001)

Fernando I. Colon (1991)

David Davis (1984)

Teoman Demir (1996)

Judy A. Emanuele (1997)

Lawrence J. Goldstein (1993)

David M. Gordon (1993)

Raghuram Gorti (2002)

Karin Haji (1973)

Morteza Hariri (1970)

Harrison, Vincent L. (2009)

Abdul A. Hassan (1971)

Rose L. Jumah (2006)

R. Kambhampati (2003)

Aftab Khan (1973)

Samuel D. Lyons (1988)

Dean R. Marson (1997)

Syed A. Mehmood (2007)

Toby Meltzer (1987)

Roberto Mendez (1997)

Mark D. Morasch (1998)

Daniel J. Olson (1993)

David Packer (1998)

Y. Park (1972)

Bhavik G. Patel (2004)

Ami Raafat (1998)

Kevin Radecki (2001)

Sudarshan R. Reddy (1984)

Renato G. Ruggiero (1994)

Parvid Sadjadi (1971)

Samson P. Samuel (1996)

Knavery D. Scaff (2003)

Steven C. Schueller (1974)

Anand G. Shah (2005)

Anil Shetty (2008)

Chanderdeep Singh (2002)

D. Sukumaran (1972)

David G. Tse (1997)

Christopher N. Vashi (2007)

Larry A. Wolk (1984)

Peter Y. Wong (2002)

Shane Yamane (2005)

Chungie Yang (2005)

Hossein A. Yazdy (1970)

Lawrence S. Zachary (1985)



Monday, October 12th

Wayne State Surgical Society

The Wayne State Surgical Society (WSSS) was established during the tenure of Dr. Alexander Walt as the Chairman of the Department of Surgery. WSSS was designed to create closer contact between the current faculty and residents with the former resident members in order to create a living family of all of the WSU Department of Surgery. The WSSS also supports department activities. Charter/Life Membership in the WSSS is attained by a donation of \$1,000 per year for ten years or \$10,000 prior to ten years. Annual membership is attained by a donation of \$200 per year. WSSS supports a visiting lecturer each fall and co-sponsors the annual reception of the department at the annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Brian Shapiro (WSU/GS 1988/93) passed the baton of presidency to Dr. Jeffrey Johnson (WSUGS 1984) at the WSSS Gathering during the American College of Surgeons meeting in October 2018. Members of the WSSS are listed on the next page. Dr. Johnson continues in the hope that all former residents will become lifetime members of the WSSS and participate in the annual sponsored lectureship and the annual reunion at the American College of Surgeons meeting.



*Members of the Wayne State Surgical Society
Charter Life Members*

Ahn, Dean	Bradley, Jennifer	Galpin, Peter A.	Kovalik, Simon G.	Nicholas, Jeffrey M.	Smith, Randall W.	Wilson, Robert F.
Albaran, Renato G	Cirocco, William C.	Gayer, Christopher P.	Lange, William (Deceased)	Novakovic, Rachel L.	Stassinopoulos, Jerry	Wood, Michael H.
Allaben, Robert D. (Deceased)	Clink, Douglas	Gerrick Stanley	(Deceased)	Perrone, Erin	Sullivan, Daniel M.	Zahriya, Karim
Ames, Elliot L.	Colon, Fernando I.	Grifka Thomas J. (Deceased)	Lau, David	Porter, Donald	Sugawa, Choichi	
Amirikia, Kathryn C.	Conway, W. Charles	(Deceased)	Ledgerwood, Anna M.	Ramnauth, Subhash	vonBerg, Vollrad J. (Deceased)	
Anslow, Richard D.	Davidson, Scott B.	Gutowski, Tomasz D.	Lim, John J.	Rector, Frederick	Washington, Bruce C.	
Auer, George	Dujon, Jay	Herman, Mark A.	Lucas, Charles E.	Rose, Alexander	Walt, Alexander (Deceased)	
Babel, James B.	Edelman, David A.	Hinshaw, Keith A.	Malian, Michael S.	Rosenberg, Jerry C.	Weaver, Donald	
Bassett, Joseph	Francis, Wesley	Holmes, Robert J.	McIntosh, Bruce	Sarin, Susan	Whittle, Thomas J.	
Baylor, Alfred	Flynn, Lisa M.	Huebl, Herbert C.	Missavage, Anne	Shapiro, Brian	Williams, Mallory	
Bouwman, David	Fromm, Stefan H.	Johnson, Jeffrey R.	Montenegro, Carlos E.	Silbergleit, Allen		
	Fromm, David G	Johnson, Pamela D.	Narkiewicz, Lawrence	Smith, Daniel		

Members of the Wayne State Surgical Society—2019 Dues

Alpendre, Cristiano V.	Kaderabek, Douglas J.	Vasquez, Julio	
Carlin, Arthur	Klein, Michael D.	Ziegler, Daniel W.	
Dente, Christopher	Kosir, Mary Ann		
Dolman, Heather	Liebold, Walt		
Dulchavsky, Scott A.	McGee, Jessica D.		
Edwards, Ryan	Mueller, Michael J.		
Gallick, Harold	Phillips, Linda G.		
Goltz, Christopher J.	Schwarz, Karl W.		
Jeffries, Christopher	Thomas, Gregory A.		



*Operation-A-Year
January 1—December 31, 2020*



The WSU department of Surgery has instituted a new group of alumni who are remembering their training by donating the proceeds of one operation a year to the department. Those who join this new effort will be recognized herein as annual contributors. We hope that all of you will remember the department by donating one operation, regardless of difficulty or reimbursement, to the department to help train your replacements. Please send you donation to the Wayne State Surgical Society in care of Dr. Charles E. Lucas at Detroit Receiving Hospital, 4201 St. Antoine Street (Room 2V), Detroit, MI, 48201.

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Anslow, Richard D.	Davidson, Scott	Gayer, Christopher P.	Huebel, Hubert C.	Lopez, Peter	Perrone, Erin	Sullivan, Daniel M.
Bambach, Gregory A.	Dujon, Jay	Gutowski, Tomasz D.	Johnson, Jeffrey R.	McIntosh, Bruce	Porter, Donald	Whittle, Thomas J.
Bradley, Jennifer	Edelman, David A.	Herman, Mark A.	Johnson, Pamela D.	Missavage, Anne	Siegel, Thomas S.	Wood, Michael H.
Cirocco, William C.	Francis, Wesley	Hinshaw, Keith A.	Ledgerwood Anna M.	Nicholas, Jeffrey	Silbergleit, Allen	

WSU SOM ENDOWMENT

The Wayne State University School of Medicine provides an opportunity for alumni to create endowments in support of their institution and also support the WSSS. For example, if Dr. John Smith wished to create the “Dr. John Smith Endowment Fund”, he could donate \$25,000 to the WSU SOM and those funds would be left untouched but, by their present, help with attracting other donations. The interest at the rate of 4% per year (\$1000) could be directed to the WSSS on an annual basis to help the WSSS continue its commitment to improving the education of surgical residents. Anyone who desires to have this type of named endowment established with the interest of that endowment supporting the WSSS should contact Ms. Lori Robitaille at the WSU SOM-> She can be reached by email at lrobitai@med.wayne.edu.