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Academy of Surgery of Detroit/Detroit Surgical Association 39th Annual Combined Meeting



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The 39th annual combined meeting of the Academy of Surgery of Detroit (ASD) and the Detroit Surgical Association (DSA) took place on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at the Century Grille Restaurant. Following some historical vignettes regarding both organizations provided by Dr. Allen Silbergleit



Dr. Allen Silbergleit



(WSUTS 1965), Dr. Michael White (WSU/GS 1990/97) the current president of the ASD introduced Dr. David Rothenberger, Professor of Surgery at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Rothenberger, who is well known for his many contributions in the area of colon and rectal surgery, present-

Michael White ed a very stimulating talk on physician burnout. He emphasized that the incidence of

physician burnout has been increasing and that the profession of surgery needs to focus on this more aggressively. He taught that many factors are involved with this phenomenon including communications by the electronic





medical record, the shifting of hospital re- Dr. David Rothenberger sponsibility away from physicians to adminis-

trators, the lack of control over one's daily practice activities, and the daily routine, which sometimes becomes monotonous regardless of surgical specialty. He emphasized that

Dr. Alicia Kieninger deal with non-surgical issues in order to place

some balance in one's daily activities. There was an exciting question and answer session, after which Dr. White presented Dr. Rothenberger the Theodore McGraw Medal given in honor of the first chairperson of the WSU Department of Surgery.



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MARIAN



Dr. Awni Shahait

Prior to the introduction of the new presidents, Dr. Alicia Kieninger presented the medal for the best resident clinical paper for the prior year, which went to Dr. Awni Shahait (WSUGS 2021), who was sponsored by Dr. Jim Tyburski (WSUGS 1992). The title of his paper is "Mortality of Non-Trauma Emergency Laparotomy in an Acute Care Surgery Center". The winner of the best scientific paper for the prior



year went to Dr. Alexander Marinica and was sponsored by Dr. Larry Diebel Dr. Larry Diebel



Dr. Jimmi Haouilou

(WSU/GS 1980/96). The title of Dr. Marinica's paper is "The Effects of Perturbations of the Glycocalyx on Microvascular Perfusion in the Obese Trauma Population: An In Vitro Study".

Following the McGraw Lecture, Dr. Michael White introduced the new president of the ASD, Dr. Jimmi Haouilou; and Dr. Alicia Kieninger, the outgoing president of the DSA, introduced Dr. Kellie McFarlin (WSU/GS 2003/08) as the new president of the DSA.



Dr. Kellie McFarlin





Dr. Michael White President DSA and Dr. David Rothenberger





The 66th annual meeting of the Michigan Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (MC/ACS) took place on May 8-10, 2019, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The meeting was well attended and full of educational activities. As usual, the resident presentations representing hospitals all over the state of Michigan were very informative, precise, and timely. A number of residents represented the WSUSOM program.

Dr. Sheel Patel (WSUGS 2021) presented at the "Remarkable Cases Presentation." Her paper was entitled "Cardiac Metastasis: A Rare Finding of Marjolin Ulcer." Many years ago, Dr. Jean Nicolas Marjolin identified the presence of villous changes arising in a burn scar. This malignant ulcer is more often seen in deep burn wounds and is best treated by wide

local excision with margins of 5 mm. Dr. Patel described a Marjolin ulcer that occurred in a patient with a large total body surface area burn, resulting in a deep wound of the left flank and back measuring 30x30 cm. The patient had local excision with the pathologic diagnosis confirmed to be invasive squamous cell cancer. The wide wound was covered with a split-thickness skin graft. During his hospitalization, the patient was noted to have metastases to the heart, confirmed by biopsy. This vary rare instance of cardiac metastasis has only been described twice in the literature.

Dr. Michael Perry (WSUGS 2020 presented "SCORE Usage Correlates with ABSITE Percentile in Surgery Residents." Dr. Perry pointed out that the Surgical Council on Resident Education (SCORE) was designed to create a national surgical curriculum. This has become available to the surgical residents in order to prepare for their subsequent ABSITE



examination and, of course, for subsequent board examinations. Dr. Perry looked at the 53 Dr. Michael Perry residents in the program who were enrolled in the SCORE Portal. He demonstrated that the residents who performed well on the ABSITE examination tended to spend more time (2098±1743 minutes) compared to residents who scored in the average range on the ABSITE examination and spent less time with SCORE (753±1296 minutes). The residents who performed poorly on the ABSITE spent the least number of minutes on the SCORE program (576±732 minutes). Dr. Perry concluded that this study provides additional evidence that surgical residents will likely benefit from using the SCORE Portal frequently in order to enhance their basic surgical knowledge.



Dr. Sheel Patel



Dr. Jose Wilson Mesquita-Neto (WSUGS 2023), more commonly known as Dr. Wilson, presented "Access to Cancer-Directed Surgery in the United States: A Step Towards Reducing Health Disparities." Dr. Wilson pointed out that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the Medicaid Expansion (ME) has expanded access to medical care. He postulated that this increased access to medical care would allow for earlier diagnosis of cancer and earlier treatment. He utilized the national population-based database (SEER) as he looked at patients with breast, colorectal, ovarian, lung, uterine, pancreatic, prostatic, and



Dr. Wilson Mesquita

liver cancer from 2007 through 2015. Following multiple statistical analyses on more than one million patients, Dr. Wilson was able to show that the ACA/ME program increased the number of diagnoses in formerly uninsured patients and that this increase was associated with earlier cancer diagnosis and improved access to surgery in patients from economically disadvantaged communities.

Dr. Awni Shahait (WSUGS 2021) presented "Outcomes of Elective Right Vs. Left Colectomy for Colon Cancer in Veterans." Dr. Shahait pointed out that right colectomy (RC) is considered by most to be technically easier and to be associated with fewer complications than left colectomy (LC). He looked at the Veterans Administration Surgical Quality Improvement Program (VASQIP) for patients who underwent RC or LC with primary anastomosis for colon cancer from 2007 through 2015. Following multiple analyses, he



Dr. Awni Shahait

was able to demonstrate that patients undergoing elective RC are older, have more comorbidities, and more major complications due to these comorbidities compared with LC. Despite the increased age and comorbidities, the patients with RC had similar length-of-stay and mortality in comparison to patients undergoing LC.

Dr. Kimberly Coughlin (WSUSOM 2016) presented the paper "Changes in Injury Characteristics and Outcomes of Gunshot Wounds at a High Volume Urban Trauma Center from 2004 to 2017." Dr. Coughlin, who is a third-year resident at Ascension St. Johns Hospital, looked at the prevalence, demographics, and outcomes following gunshot wounds (GSW) over the past 14 years. She demonstrated

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that the average of GSW patients has increased during this period and that the likelihood of multiregion injury increased markedly. This was associated with an increased ICU admission, whereas the total length of hospital stay was not altered. Dr. Coughlin concluded that these findings could be related to improved prehospital care, with sicker patients being brought to the hospital alive, with the result that those with lethal injuries died in the emergency department. The fact that overall hospital mortality remained the same suggests that there has been an improvement in the care of these very ill patients during this period of time.

Dr. Solhee Lee (WSUGS 2023) presented "Non-Operative Management (NOM) of Most Liver Injuries Impairs the Mastery of Intraoperative Hemostasis." Dr. Lee analyzed twoyear periods of patients with liver injury from each of the last six decades and demonstrated that there is a marked increase in the number of patients managed by NOM and also a marked decrease in the number of patients who need to have some type of intraoperative hemostatic technique utilized to control active bleeding. During the two-year period of the

2010 decade, she demonstrated that the average resident who finished the program obtained hemostasis from a bleeding injured liver 0.5 times compared to 17.6 times in the decade of the 1960s. She also reported that the surgeons at the Detroit Receiving Hospital adjacent quadrant within Detroit at Ascension St. Johns Hospital had the opportunity to obtain hemostasis from an actively bleeding liver once during their residency. Dr. Lee concluded that mastery of intraoperative hemostasis following liver injury requires exposure to external training activities including ASSET, ATOM, and rotation on a hepatobiliary service.

Dr. Launa Clough (WSUGS 2023) presented the paper "Post-Operative Bariatric Emergency Department Visits: A Quality Improvement Project." Dr. Clough assessed the data bank regarding the need for patients to return to the emergency department within the first 30 days following bariatric surgery. She hypothesized that most patients would be returning on weekend days when their attending physician offices were closed. They looked at their Dr. Launa Clough postoperative patients from 2017 and were surprised to learn that most patients returned on a



Dr. Solhee Lee

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weekday and that the primary reason for returning was dehydration due to the inability to tolerate diet following their gastric constriction. This led to a new protocol whereby patients are given a "Discharge Card," which identifies in a stepwise fashion the recommendations for patients to prevent dehydration. They also developed an "Intervention Plan," which provides for the patients to visit outpatient centers to receive intravenous therapy when they are still unable to take in enough liquids. Subsequent to these changes, the number of **ED** visits per year decreased from 47 to 28, and dehydration as the reason for coming to the emergency department decreased from 16 to 7.

During the business meeting, <u>Dr. Allen Silbergleit (WSUGS/TS 1960/65)</u> received a special honor for having been a program director for at least 25 years. He has been the program director at St. Joseph's Hospital Pontiac for many years.



Dr. Allen Silbergleit

Dr. Kellie McFarlin (W the new secretary for the of the scientific sessions.

Dr. Kellie McFarlin (WSU/GS 2003/08) was honored by being elected as the new secretary for the MC/ACS. She also served as a moderator for one

Dr. Kellie McFarlin





(Left to right) Dr. Wilson Mesquita, Dr. Solhee Lee, Dr. Michael Perry, Dr. Awni Shahait, Dr. Kimberly Coughlin, Dr. Launa Clough, and Dr. Miguel Tobon







Dr. Randy Smith (WSU/GS 1981/86) was a coauthor on a paper entitled "Surgical Site Infection After Primary Closure of High-Risk Surgical Wounds in Emergency General Surgery Laparotomy and Closed Negative-Pressure Wound Therapy." His coauthors were Drs. Chad Hall, Justin Regner, Stephen Abernathy, Claire Isbell, Travis Isbell, Stan Kurek, and Richard Frazee from the Scott and White Memorial



Dr. Randy Smith

Hospital in Temple, Texas. This paper was published in the Journal of the American College of Surgeons (JACS) 2019;228:393-399. These authors assessed the value of negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) in emergency general surgical patients undergoing laparotomy. The patients included various types of emergencies such as bowel obstruction, diverticulitis, GI bleeding, mesenteric ischemia, perforated viscus, trauma, and ostomy reversal. The wounds were classified as cleancontaminated (18 pts), contaminated (43 pts), and dirty (20 pts) for a total of 81 patients. Most patients, at the end of operation, had irrigation of the wound with primary closure with staples followed by application of NPWT. They found that primary closure in these patients with high-risk incisions combined with NPWT produced acceptably low surgical site infection (SSI) rates and was associated with low morbidity and decreased cost. They suggested that this type of primary closure with NPWT should replace open wound management in the emergency general surgery patient group.

Dr. S. Amjad Hussain (WSUGS 1970) and Dr. Joseph J. Sferra (WSUGS 1991)

and their coauthors published an excellent summary of Dr. John M. Howard (a pioneer in vascular, trauma, and pancreatic surgery). This article is published in the May 2019 issue of the Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons. The article describes how Dr. Howard was born on a cotton plantation in Prattville, Alabama, where he and his three siblings were assigned to monitor their own "patch" of cotton.



Dr. S. Amjad Hussain Continue page 6





Dr. Howard identifies how the discipline related to overseeing the healthy growth of the cotton plants played a big part in his subsequent career in surgery where discipline is the key to all progress. Dr. Howard went into the US Army at the beginning of the Korean War where he applied the techniques of vascular surgery, which he learned from Dr. Michael E. DeBakey in Houston, Texas, and was responsible for reducing the amputation rate for soldiers with vascular injury from over 50% to approximately 12%. Dr. Howard received the Legion of



Dr. Joseph Sferra

Merit presidential citation from Dwight D. Eisenhower because of his many contri-

butions in the Korean theater. Subsequent to his war experiences, Dr. Howard became involved in the care of injured patients when he came back into civilian life and was responsible for many new gains in the field of trauma care and was one of the founders of the American Trauma Society. Dr. Howard also had a special interest in the pancreas and became very skilled in pancreaticoduodenectomy. Dr. Howard was 85 years old when he published his classical two-volume bi-



Dr. John M. Howard

ography of Dr. Allen O. Whipple, who performed the first one-stage pancreaticoduodenectomy. Later, Dr. Howard became the chief of surgery at what is now called the University of Toledo (UT). While there, Dr. Howard organized the EMS system for the 15 counties surrounding Toledo. He was highly respected for his work and research. The Editor had the privilege of attending his 90th birthday celebration at UT where he confidently "invited all of the guests to return in 10 years to help him celebrate his 100th birthday."





<u>Dr. William Cirocco (WSUSOM 1985)</u> felt that there were other important contributors to the WSUSOM who were not included in the Sesquicentennial Wayne Medicine. Bill is in the process of setting up a new colon and rectal program at the Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center in Phoenix, Arizona and



has been an important leader in national colorectal surgery activities. The following represents some examples of WSUSOM graduates who have made important contributions in colon and rectal surgery.

HISTORY OF DETROIT PROCTOLOGY

Louis J. Hirschman (1878-1965) was born in Republic Township, Michigan (UP), the oldest son of a physician who passed away at age 38. He graduated from the Detroit College of Medicine (DMC) in 1899. He dedicated his career to proctology, join the American Proctologic Society (APS), and became the first proctologist in the city of Detroit in 1906. He established a proctology service at Harper Hospital in 1908, developed a teaching program within the DCM Department of



Dr. Louis Hirschman

Surgery, and ran the proctology service for over 30 years. He published a Proctology Handbook in 1909 (last edition printed in 1942). He was selected President of the APS for 1912-1913. He was a founding Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) in 1913. He founded the Section of Gastroenterology and Proctology of the American Medical Association (AMA) in 1917 and was its first secretary. He was named an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, the first Detroit surgeon to be so honored. In 1931, he was named Vice-President of the AMA. He was an incorporator of the American Board of Proctology (ABP) in 1934 and served as its first President. He received Certificate #1 of the ABP in 1944. He retired to Traverse City in 1950 after overseeing recognition of the ABP as the 17th independent board of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) in 1949.

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Edward G. 'Ned' Martin (1880-1951) was born in 1880 in Reed City, Michigan. He graduated from the DCM in 1904 and served an internship at Harper Hospital in 1904. He joined the Proctology Department at Harper Hospital in 1908 and rose to the rank of professor and eventually succeed Dr. Louis Hirschman as Chief of the Department of Proctology at Harper Hospital. In 1924, he joined the APS and rose to become APS President in 1928-1929. He was an original incorporator of the American Board of Proctology.

<u>Garnet W. Ault (1905-1993)</u> was born in 1905 in North Bay, Ontario. He received his education in Ottawa before moving with his family to Highland Park, Michigan. (His father was in the real estate business.) In 1928, he was captain of the University of Michigan swim team and also played a role in the Olympic Bronze Medal, winning the 400 m Freestyle Relay with his Canadian team at the 1928 Amsterdam Games. He obtained his medical degree from the University of

Michigan in 1931 and began surgical training in Detroit under Dr. Louis Hirschman. Dr. Ault dedicated his career in practice at the Washington Medical Center in Washington, DC, and rise to the rank of Professor of Surgery at Georgetown University. He served as APS President in 1964-1965.

Dr. Norman Nigro (1912-2009) was born in Syracuse, New York in 1912. He obtained a liberal arts degree (1934) and medical degree (1937) from Syracuse University. He served an internship at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse in 1937. Dr. Nigro moved to Detroit to enter a Proctology Preceptorship under Dr. Hirschman in 1938. After serving in WWII, he returned to Detroit and established a central

office in downtown Detroit to serve both the APS and the ABP, newly renamed the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery (ABCRS), at 615 Griswold Street. He served as APS President in 1965-66 immediately following the tenure of Dr. Garnet Ault. In 1968, he established a Large Bowel Cancer Unit within the WSU Department of Surgery, investigating the role of



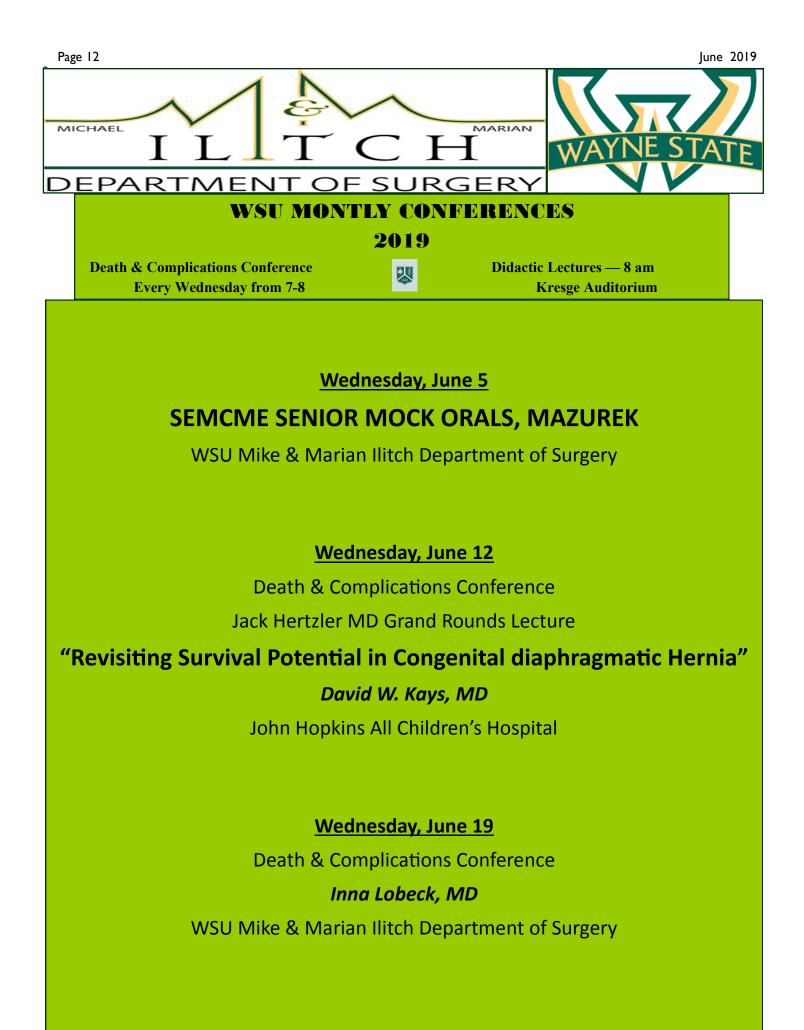
Dr. Edward "Ned" Martin





nutrition in the etiology of colorectal cancer. From 1972-1986, he served the roles of Executive Director/Secretary/Treasurer of the ABCRS. In 1974, he was lead author in the landmark article on the multimodal oncologic (non-operative) approach to squamous cell carcinoma of the anal canal published in the journal, *Diseases of the Colon and Rectum*. This regimen of chemoradiotherapy, dubbed the *Nigro protocol*, effected a "complete response" with no residual cancer present on pathology following routine abdominoperineal resection (APR) in this limited series of patients. Therefore, APR was abandoned for patients who exhibited a clinical complete response, changing the management of anal cancer to non-operative therapy (90% of cases). Dr. Nigro retired from practice in 1989. The ASCRS (name change from the APS adopted at the 1973 convention in Detroit) would develop a research lectureship in his honor, the Nigro Lecture, delivered at the ASCRS convention on an annual basis.







April 2019

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 2018. Our annual meeting was held during the American College of Surgeons meeting in Boston, at the Boston Convention & Exhibition 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. From reports I've received a wonderful time was had by all.

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 Lena Napolitano from the University of Michigan who is 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 WSSS Lecturer will be Dr. Roxie Mae Albrecht. Dr. Albrecht practices with OU Medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center and the OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City, OK. She is a Professor and Vice Chair of Quality and Division Chief of General Surgery, Trauma and Surgical Critical Care in the Department of Surgery at OU Health Science Center and the Medical Director of Trauma and Surgical Critical Care at OU Medical Center, the only ACS verified Level 1 Trauma Center in Oklahoma.

Membership also covers your admission to the annual Detroit Trauma Symposium. The Symposium, put together by Larry Diebel, is first rate and well worth attending.

Finally your dues support the following residency activities. During 2018 the WSSS sponsored our residents to attend the Detroit Trauma Symposium and our 5th year residents to travel to the annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons. Our dues supported two residents attending the Basic Micro Surgery Course at the Beaumont Hospital and two residents who attended the annual Plastic Surgery Meeting.

The WSSS currently has 116 members including 67 Charter Life members who have or will donate \$10,000 to the Society, tax deductible! <u>If you are not receiving the newsletter please let us know your email so that you can be included to receive this very</u> <u>fun and informative newsletter for all the alumni of the department of surgery</u>. It gives me great pleasure to tell you that we have over \$205,119.28 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!

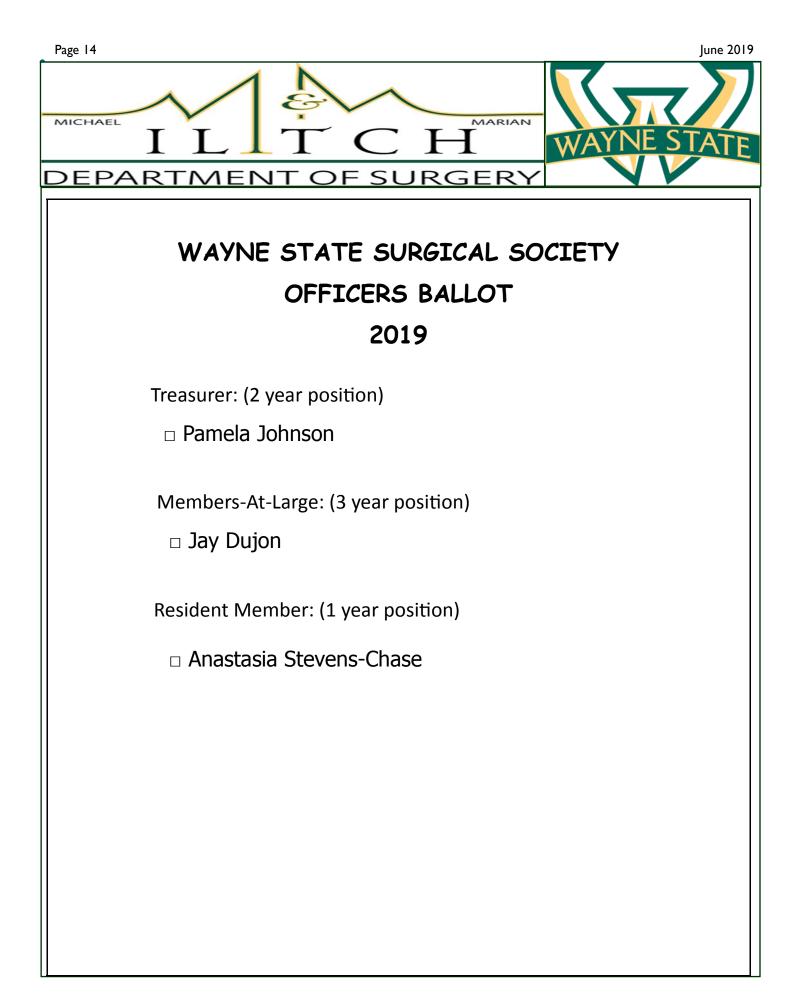
Enclosed with this letter is a ballot for new officers and board members. Also included is the form for your annual dues. I always thought that the standards and skills learned during my residency formed the foundation for my professional career. The society offers the opportunity to continue a relationship 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.

Proposed dates for this year's activities include, the annual meeting of the WSSS on Tuesday October 29 at the ACS meeting in San Francisco, California; the WSSS Annual Lectureship in Detroit on Wednesday November 6 with the annual dinner for the Lecturer occurring the evening before on Tuesday, November 5. The Detroit Trauma Symposium will follow on November 6-7. I hope you will make plans to attend.

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,

Jeffrey R. Johnson MD President WSSS



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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.

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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.



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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*.