

James P. Wilmot Cancer Center

Dialogue

Conquering Cancer Together Summer 2002



Discovery Ball Sets Record

Sponsorships Total
\$375,000 for
Local Cancer Care

New Recruits Help Cancer Center Create Strongest Hematology Program In Western New York

TWO nationally recognized hematologists are joining the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center to lay the foundation for one of the best hematologic malignancy programs in the Northeast. These specialists treat blood and tissue cancers including non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, and multiple myeloma.

Steven Bernstein, M.D., was named associate professor of hematology/oncology. He comes from Roswell Park Cancer Institute and specializes in immunology, lymphoma and leukemia treatment.

And, Jonathan Friedberg, M.D., joins the Wilmot Cancer Center from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He is a talented hematologist specializing in lymphoid malignancies.

"These are outstanding clinicians and scientists who are nationally recognized as leaders within the field," said Richard I. Fisher, M.D., director, James P. Wilmot Cancer Center and director of cancer services, Strong Health.



Steven Bernstein, M.D.



Jonathan Friedberg, M.D.

**"THESE ARE OUTSTANDING CLINICIANS
AND SCIENTISTS WHO ARE NATIONALLY
RECOGNIZED AS LEADERS WITHIN THE FIELD."**

—Richard I. Fisher, M.D.

"Bringing them to Rochester helps us advance the quality of care we provide patients and builds the strongest hematology program between Boston and Chicago."

They are among the first recruits that Fisher has brought to the Wilmot Cancer Center, following Gary Lyman, M.D., who was previously director of the Albany Medical Center's Cancer Center and Research Institute. Lyman joined the staff in May.

Fisher has announced an aggressive plan to boost

research and clinical programs and build national prominence for the Wilmot Cancer Center. He will recruit 15-20 oncologists internationally recognized for their skills and innovations who will help handle the growing volume of patients but also expand translational research.

Bernstein is an expert in lymphoma and myeloma, a graduate of Brandeis University and New York University School of Medicine. He completed his residency at NYU/Bellevue Hospital and fellowships at Beth Israel

THE third annual Discovery Ball set a special event fund-raising record for the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center, with \$375,000 in sponsorships and donations to support local cancer care and research.

Co-chairs Paul and Judy Linehan welcomed nearly 1,000 supporters to the Rochester Riverside Convention Center for the April 27th event, hosted by the Cancer Center Board. Many attended the special event to support Mike Fennell, baseball coach for McQuaid Jesuit High School, who was honored with the 2002 Inspiration Award.

"This year's Discovery Ball was a wonderful event, highlighting the outstanding work by the physicians, scientists, nurses and staff at the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center," said Richard I. Fisher, M.D., director, James P. Wilmot Cancer Center and director of cancer services, Strong Health.

Geriatric Oncology Training Improves Care for Elderly

Fellowship Program Helps Meet Growing Need for Specialty Care



Deepak Sahasrabudhe, M.D. It's a simple fact – if you live past 65, you're probably going to get cancer. And as the baby boomer generation grows older, the daunting task of caring for them looms large for the medical community.

Preparing for the inevitable increase in cancer diagnoses, the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center at the University of Rochester Medical Center is training oncologists to specialize in geriatric care. A new Geriatric Oncology Fellowship will combine geriatrics and oncology training to help improve the quality of care offered to older patients with cancer.

“The population is aging and cancer afflicts more people when they are older, so it's logical to expect that the number of cancer patients is going to increase,” said Deepak Sahasrabudhe, M.D., director of the Geriatric Oncology Fellowship Program. “We need to prepare now to provide the best care possible for this growing segment of our population.”

The Wilmot Cancer Center received a \$150,000 grant from the American Society of Clinical Oncology to develop and implement the three-year training program. In July, two physicians will join the integrated program, offered in conjunction with Monroe Community Hospital, a teaching nursing home for adults with chronic illness.

Upon completion, these oncologists will be uniquely qualified to care for the geriatric population. This is a segment of our patient population that needs additional support, says Sahasrabudhe, associate professor of oncology.

The creation of the fellowship program is part of a national effort to train more geriatricians and specialists to care for this growing segment of the population.

Recent statistics released by the National Cancer Institute indicate that over the next 50 years, the number of Americans diagnosed with cancer will double, from 1.3 million this year to 2.6 million, and that most people will live longer with the disease than ever before.

“Those figures are staggering, but not unexpected,” Sahasrabudhe said. “We know that there's a lot of work ahead of us. I am convinced that training young physicians in geriatrics and oncology now will help us care for the older cancer patients in the years to come.”

Pilcher Chairs Neurosurgery

WEBSTER H. Pilcher, M.D., Ph.D., was named chair of the University of Rochester Neurosurgery Department and has announced plans to boost the neuro-oncology program.

Pilcher's long-time association with the University of Rochester Medical Center made him a natural choice for the position, said Jay H. Stein, M.D., senior vice president and vice provost for health affairs.



Webster Pilcher, M.D., Ph.D.

For the past 25 years, Dr. Pilcher has been part of the University of Rochester Medical Center as a student, faculty member, researcher, and talented neurosurgeon,” Stein said. “Now Dr. Pilcher can apply his collective experience within this institution to the great benefit of our students, residents, patients and researchers.”

Pilcher has brought hope to thousands of patients needing brain surgery for various ailments including tumors, cysts and epilepsy.

He is nationally recognized for his epilepsy surgery work, and is one of the few specialists in the region able to perform a complicated epilepsy surgery, where damaged brain cells are removed to help reduce a patient's seizures.

“He has proven his ability to build a nationally eminent interdisciplinary program in epilepsy, and has the respect of his peers as a superb neurosurgeon.

Moreover, with his scientific background, he has articulated plans for the development of several key areas of neurosurgery that will foster the translation of laboratory results to clinical outcomes,” said David S. Guzick, M.D., Ph.D., dean of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Initially, Pilcher plans to focus on enhancing two programs within the department, neuro-oncology and movement disorders, by facilitating translation of promising research into clinical care.

“It is my goal to build upon the already tremendous talent we currently have in the department, and look to expand in those areas where there is both a community need and an expertise here,” he said.

Pilcher has served on the faculty of the University since 1990, most recently as an associate professor of neurosurgery. He earned both his medical degree and Ph.D. from the University of Rochester Medical Center, and completed his surgical internship and neurosurgery residency through the University of Rochester as well.

Surgeon Offers New Laparoscopic Prostate Procedure

UROLOGY surgeons are providing men diagnosed with prostate cancer an alternative to open surgery – removal of the gland through laparoscopic surgery. This technique is minimally invasive and growing more popular with men who want a quick recovery.

The University of Rochester Medical Center was the first in the state to offer it.

“I believe this will become the standard for prostate surgery in the near future,” said surgeon Jean Joseph, M.D., assistant professor of urology. “It gets patients back to their normal lives much faster.”

Joseph trained with world-renowned surgeon Bertrand Guillonau, M.D., who developed the minimally invasive procedure for this common cancer. He visited the Medical Center in April to provide a teaching demonstration of the procedure.

In the United States, one in 10 men gets prostate cancer, making it one of the most common forms of cancer among men ages 45 and up. Approximately 32,000 men will die from it this year, and about 180,000 new cases will be diagnosed, according to the American Cancer Society. The Medical Center is a leader in urologic and cancer care and one of just nine academic medical institutions in the nation to offer this procedure.



“I BELIEVE THIS WILL BECOME THE STANDARD FOR PROSTATE SURGERY IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IT GETS PATIENTS BACK TO THEIR NORMAL LIVES MUCH FASTER.”

—Jean Joseph, M.D.

Surgical removal of the prostate has long been the “gold standard” treatment for men with cancer confined to the prostate gland, an organ about the size of a walnut and located between the bladder and urethra which contributes fluids to semen. The traditional operation usually entails a longer hospital stay and recovery time.

Laparoscopy, also known as keyhole surgery, uses long, slender instruments inserted into the abdominal cavity and manipulated outside of the body.

A voice-command robot is used to guide an internal camera, allowing a

magnified view of internal organs and surgical instruments throughout the procedure.

Since the new procedure was developed in 1998, studies show that men recover more quickly – with a shortened hospital stay. Patients also have less pain and incontinence following the laparoscopic procedure.

“The laparoscopic technique applies state-of-the-art technology that we have used for removal of other urologic tumors, such as those on the kidney,” said Joseph.

“Patients benefit from the fact that we use smaller incisions and have significantly less blood loss. I think that in major teaching centers that promote minimally invasive techniques, this will ultimately become the surgical procedure of choice for the treatment of localized prostate cancer.”

Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer in American men, behind skin cancer, and the second-leading cause of cancer deaths among males in the U.S., behind lung cancer.

“While screening and prevention are needed to curb the mortality from prostate cancer, improvement in the current treatment methods are also needed to help decrease the side-effects associated with treatment. I believe this is a great improvement,” said Joseph.

Hematologist Pens Textbook on MDS

LEUKEMIA expert John Bennett, M.D., recently published a comprehensive reference book highlighting the most recent research into myelodysplastic syndromes.

The Myelodysplastic Syndromes: Pathobiology and Clinical Management covers the entire range of MDS care, including detection, epidemiology and treatment, identifying therapeutic regimens and the value of supportive care.

The 528-page book also includes chapters written by experts from throughout the world.

This is Bennett's third book and will be considered a must-have for clinicians and scientists. He is emeritus professor of oncology in medicine, laboratory medicine and pathology,



John Bennett, M.D.

Update



Kishan Pandya, M.D.

Oncologist Sees Success in Using Seizure Drug To Tame Tamoxifen-Induced Hot Flashes

A PILOT study shows that breast cancer patients who suffer hot flashes as a side effect of tamoxifen therapy got significant relief from a common seizure medication. Kishan Pandya, M.D., director of clinical trials at the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center, presented his findings at the American Society of Clinical Oncologists meeting in Orlando on May 21.

The discovery should be of interest to clinicians and thousands of post-menopausal women who have already endured hot flashes naturally, and then find themselves distressed again as a result of using the popular breast cancer drug, tamoxifen.

"Our expectation is that approximately 200,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in the U.S. in 2002. Of those patients, half will probably be treated with a drug like tamoxifen, and hot flashes are the most bothersome side effect of that treatment," said Pandya, professor of hematology/oncology and principal investigator of the study.

"So if you went through menopause and survived hot flashes at age 52, and then were diagnosed with breast

cancer at 60 and prescribed tamoxifen, you would start all over again," Pandya said.

In 2000, the Medical Center was the first to observe that a seizure medication called gabapentin significantly reduced hot flashes. Thomas Guttuso Jr., M.D., reported the experiences of six patients in the August 2000 issue of the journal *Neurology*. Following Guttuso's observations, a group of oncologists began investigating whether breast cancer patients could also be helped by gabapentin.

The oncology team studied 19 women who were receiving tamoxifen therapy and having at least one hot flash a day. Sixteen women completed the four-week study; they took gabapentin in pill form three times a day.

Of those patients, 14 showed a 70 percent reduction in the duration of their hot flashes and a 50-percent reduction in severity. Three women reported that gabapentin completely eliminated their symptoms. Gabapentin was well tolerated except for mild dizziness and drowsiness.

Gabapentin has been approved for treatment of epileptic seizures, but

doctors also prescribe it for migraines and certain anxiety disorders. The pilot study in oncology was funded by a core grant through the clinical trials office of the Wilmot Cancer Center.

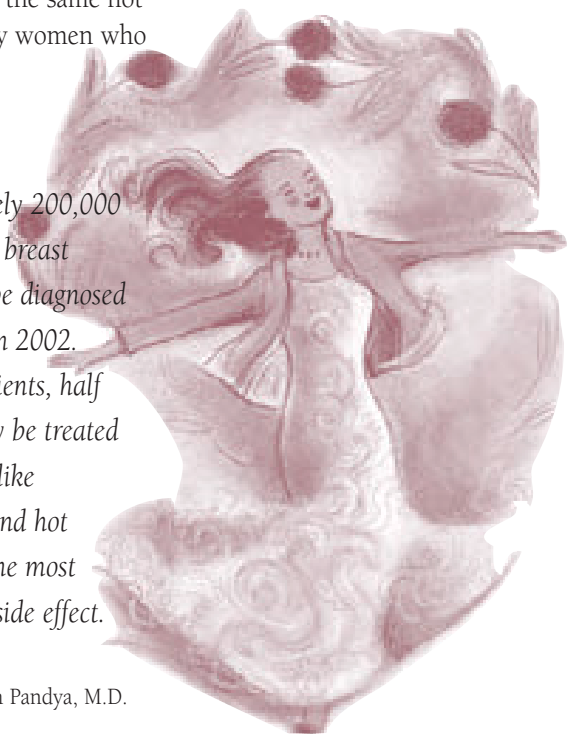
Oncologists are always looking for ways to manage the difficult side effects of cancer treatments, so patients will use the therapy for the prescribed time and dosage. Tamoxifen targets cancerous tissue, but in the process it stresses the body's vascular structure by acting like an anti-estrogen agent. For two-thirds of tamoxifen patients, this means experiencing the same hot flashes felt by women who

shed estrogen naturally during menopause.

The next step is further scientific study. Pandya is the principal investigator for a nationwide follow-up trial, involving 200 patients testing two dose levels of gabapentin, versus a placebo pill. That trial, conducted at 18 medical centers, is expected to end later this year. It was funded by the National Cancer Institute. In addition, Pandya is testing gabapentin against a hypertension medication, clonidine, which has also been shown to reduce hot flashes in some women.

Approximately 200,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in the U.S. in 2002. Of those patients, half will probably be treated with a drug like tamoxifen, and hot flashes are the most bothersome side effect.

—Kishan Pandya, M.D.



Researcher Gets \$464,000 Cancer Society Grant To Improve Radiation Techniques

RESEARCHER Walter O'Dell, Ph.D., recently received a \$464,000 grant from the American Cancer Society to study the accuracy of radiation techniques and ultimately help improve cancer treatment to the lungs and liver.

The four-year grant funds the study of how radiation oncologists can improve treatment in organs that move continuously and preserve healthy tissue. He will focus on 40 patients with liver and lung tumors during their radiation treatment.

"Doctors often face a dilemma when prescribing lethal radiation dosages to the lungs because, it not only kills the tumor, but it can also damage healthy tissue and cause complications beyond the cancer," said O'Dell, assistant professor of radiation oncology at the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center.

"The lungs and other organs move continuously and our goal is to hit a moving target with such precision that we will cure cancer patients of their disease while sparing the surrounding healthy tissue."

O'Dell's research will specifically look for ways to predict the movements of an organ in advance of treatment to better target radiation dosages directly to the cancerous tissue. The lungs and liver, which rest on the diaphragm, move continuously, and, as a result, radiation is often delivered to an area larger than the tumor to accommodate the movement.

"The American Cancer Society is committed to funding cutting edge research to find a cure for cancer and, at the same time, find more effective ways to treat the millions of cancer patients in our country and ensure their long survivorship," said Terri Kip, executive vice president for the American Cancer Society of New York and New Jersey.

O'Dell is a member of the Robert J. Flavin Shaped Beam Surgery Center's treatment planning team. Shaped-beam radiosurgery was developed to provide radiation to brain tumors with pinpoint accuracy and oncologists at the Wilmot Cancer Center are now extending it to treat soft tissue tumors throughout the body.

The Wilmot Cancer Center is the only site in the United States studying how to use this technology to treat the liver and lungs. Since doctors began using the technology 18 months ago, more than 150 patients have been treated, many of them traveling from across the country for treatment.



Walter O'Dell, Ph.D., center, discusses how his research into new radiation treatments will help preserve healthy cells in cancer patients. His study is funded by the American Cancer Society. He was joined by Terri Kip, of the American Cancer Society, at left, and Richard I. Fisher, M.D., director of the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center.

Okunieff Chairs SWOG Radiation Therapy Group



Paul Okunieff, M.D.

RADIATION Oncology Chair Paul Okunieff, M.D., was recently appointed chair of the Southwest Oncology Group's

Radiation Oncology Committee. He will lead the clinical and basic science research of all radiation therapy studies through SWOG, the largest National Cancer Institute cooperative research group in North America.

His appointment places Okunieff on the SWOG steering committee, joining Richard I. Fisher, M.D., director, James P. Wilmot Cancer Center. Fisher is chair of the Lymphoma Committee.

"This is an integral role in clinical research into the improvement of radiation therapy," Okunieff said. He will study techniques to preserve normal tissue during tumor destruction.

The Wilmot Cancer Center joined SWOG late last year and several staffers have been named to key committees: John M. Bennett, M.D., leukemia and women and special populations committees; Jane Liesveld, M.D., leukemia and bone marrow and stem cell committee; Corliss Newman, M.D., gastrointestinal committee; Kishan Pandya, M.D., lung committee; Deepak Sahasrabudhe, M.D., genitourinary committee; Gary Morrow, Ph.D., cancer control research committee; Gail Lerkins, head clinical research associate committee; and Connie Sparks, R.N., leukemia committee's liaison to the clinical research associate committee.

New Program Breathes Life Into Lung Research

More Cohesive Approach Builds on UR Strength, Refines Focus

IN KEEPING with its mission to expand research, the University of Rochester Medical Center has launched a Lung Biology and Disease Program that unites a dozen top scientists from various departments onto one floor of the UR's newest research building at the west end of the campus.

The new program focuses attention on the lungs and related modern-day health concerns: toxic exposures due to pollution and chemicals; asthma and other chronic lung ailments; respiratory infections; and of course, lung cancer. It allows the scientists—once separated geographically and by professional discipline—to work more effectively as they investigate lung disease from the molecular stage to how it strikes patients, young and old, and the best treatments on the horizon.

“When you're interested in the disease process, understanding the whole picture is critical,” said Deborah A. Cory-Slechta, Ph.D., director of the Aab Institute of Biomedical Sciences. “This is a group of very talented physicians and researchers who were interactive already, but the intense, team-based approach will allow them to take advantage of what goes on in each others' labs in a much more dynamic way.”

Richard Phipps, Ph.D., professor of environmental medicine, oncology, microbiology, immunology and pediatrics, was appointed director of the Lung Biology and Disease Program. Phipps, whose research for the past 19 years has focused on lung disease and immunology, has a patent pending on a new way of immunizing against a serious infection that afflicts patients with cystic fibrosis and HIV.

“Each organ has its own truly unique aspects in terms of how it gets injured and how it is repaired,” Phipps said. “We think it's going to be very productive to focus on the lung from many different angles, as opposed to the approach of studying diseases only at a fundamental level and then applying that knowledge to the lung.”

Supporting lung biology research makes sense for a number of reasons:

- The University of Rochester Medical Center has been a leader in this field for years. In the 1980s, for instance, scientists here were instrumental in developing what is now a standard therapy for premature infants, a liquid medication called surfactant that helps tiny, underdeveloped lungs work better.
- More recently, in environmental medicine, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded the Medical Center (as one of five sites nationally) an \$8 million grant to study the link between exposure to urban air particles

and poor health. The association between air pollution and increased death rates is well documented, but now scientists are racing to identify which particles are toxic and why they cause lung disease.

- A cohesive approach will raise the UR's competitive stature and boost funding opportunities. For example, in a visit this month to the National Institutes of Health, Phipps learned of new funding for programs to combat bioterrorism. The UR will pursue grants to investigate how infectious agents find their way to the lungs and the consequences of the toxic exposure. The World Trade Center disaster has also magnified interest into the harm done by inhaled particles.
- The combined brainpower of cell biologists, immunologists and clinicians should result in new treatments. The lung program will maintain close ties with Strong Memorial Hospital's pulmonary and critical-care divisions, and will give the Medical Center greater access to the newest drugs being tested in clinical trials. A state-of-the-art facility in the basement of the new research building will also open avenues in gene therapy and other modern approaches to lung disease.

Another goal is to recruit new scientists and to encourage mentoring between senior faculty and young researchers. The program will conduct a seminar series and research-in-progress training, as a way to promote regular interactions among lung specialists.

At this point, the lung biology program is funded by existing research grants, including a \$1.5 million training grant, directed by Mark Frampton, M.D., for pre- and post-doctoral students that was renewed by the NIH late last year. In addition, the NIH has invited a group of pediatric lung researchers, led by Frank Gigliotti, M.D., to apply for money to investigate the disease process that causes pneumocystic pneumonia, a very active area of research nationally.

Mark Utell, M.D., professor of medicine in pulmonary and critical care, and co-director of the EPA Center, said the UR is smart to capitalize on a workplace culture that promotes collaboration.

“Having the ability to convene top faculty from pediatrics, oncology, pulmonary and environmental medicine into tightly-knit, new laboratories, will position the University for great progress,” he said.

THE FINDING GIVES
SCIENTISTS A NEW
LEAD TO FOLLOW
WHEN TARGETING
PROSTATE CANCER.

Study: Vitamin E Makes Prostate Cancer Cells Vulnerable

VITAMIN E, a compound suspected of playing a role in preventing prostate cancer, interferes with two proteins that play a central role in the development of the disease, say scientists at the University

of Rochester Medical Center who reported their findings in the May 28 issue of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Researchers led by Shuyuan Yeh, Ph.D., assistant professor of urology and pathology, found that vitamin E interferes with the ability of prostate cancer cells to make both prostate-specific antigen (PSA) and the androgen receptor, a key player in the development and progression of the disease. The work shows that the cancer cells are vulnerable in a way previously unknown.

Yeh showed that in prostate cancer cells exposed to vitamin E, the PSA level drops significantly, as much as 80 to 90 percent, a sign of slowed cancer cell growth. Researchers also saw a 25 to 50 percent decrease in the number of cancer cells, and under certain conditions the compound killed off 90 percent of cancer cells.

While the research was done in the laboratory and not in humans, it takes on added significance because studies in people have already shown that the compound may help prevent prostate cancer.

But Yeh's team found that vitamin E plays an unexpected role in prostate cells. The compound has a dramatic effect on the androgen receptor, a protein in the body that is vital to the growth of prostate cells, including its cancer cells. Researchers found that vitamin E blocks the assembly of the protein, exposing a new vulnerability in a protein that is central to the development of the disease. Prostate cancer is the second-leading cause of death from cancer among men.



Edward Messing, M.D.

The finding gives scientists a new lead to follow when targeting prostate cancer. Currently many of the drugs used to treat prostate cancer either stop the production of testosterone or are "anti-androgens" that prevent testosterone from binding to the androgen receptor, thus stopping the receptor from contributing to cell growth and health. The new research suggests a way to disable the receptor itself. It's a bit like finding a new way to cut off an engine's fuel supply: One could stop

the flow of gasoline, or one could simply remove or disable the fuel tank.

"This is exciting and quite promising, but until we do further studies in people, we can't really recommend that every man take vitamin E to prevent the disease," said surgeon Edward Messing, M.D., a co-author and co-director of the Wilmot Cancer Center.



Shuyuan Yeh, Ph.D.

Congratulations to the 2002 Discovery Fund Grant Recipients

FIVE researchers were recently awarded 2002 Discovery Fund grants, designed to support young scientists' efforts to further cancer care.

Neil Blumberg, M.D., professor of pathology and laboratory medicine, and **Richard Phipps, Ph.D.**, professor of environmental medicine, and of microbiology and immunology, oncology and pediatrics, will study the role that CD40 molecule plays in preventing infections during platelet transfusions for patients with adult acute myeloid leukemia.

Dirk Bohmann, Ph.D., professor of genetics in the Center for Cancer Biology, will study the role of the DREF transcription factor in the control of cell growth and proliferation. He will investigate a molecular switch that is critical for the regulation of cell growth. Detailed knowledge of that switch may reveal new opportunities and drug targets for novel cancer treatments in the future.

Benjamin Segal, M.D., assistant professor of neurology, oncology, neuroscience and microbiology and immunology, is focusing his research on how two types of white blood cells can combat gliomas, common brain tumors. He is studying whether these cells can work together to help push the tumors into remission. His findings may provide insight into immune responses that could be effective in this type of tumor.

Jiyong Zhao, Ph.D., assistant professor of genetics in the Center for Cancer Biology, is researching cross-talk between stress-activated MAPK signaling and cell cycle regulation. The results could further the understanding of the relationship between stress response and cancer growth.

The Discovery Fund was created in 1997 to provide seed grants for young researchers. Since its inception, more than \$268,000 has been awarded, which garnered more than \$4 million in funding from outside sources.

Pediatric Oncology Fellow Gets Prestigious Award for Research



Radiation oncologist Louis S. Constine, M.D., and pediatric hematology/oncology fellow Swati Basu, M.D., right, collaborated on an important Hodgkin's disease study.

PEDIATRIC hematology/oncology fellow Swati Basu, M.D., was honored with the prestigious Brigid Leventhal Award at the 2002 meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

The award recognizes the highest-ranking abstract in pediatric oncology. It is given annually in memory of Dr. Brigid Leventhal, a pediatric oncologist from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Basu's abstract, "Bilateral Breast Cancer is Common in Females Surviving Pediatric Hodgkin's Disease," focused on 400 women who had Hodgkin's disease during their childhood, who were diagnosed between 1960 and 1990.

The results indicate that girls who survive the disease have 45 times the risk of developing breast cancer compared with healthy women. While the increased risk of breast cancer after treatment for Hodgkin's disease has been previously documented, the high risk for bilateral cancer had not been reported.

In addition, her research shows that the risk is dramatically higher for patients who were diagnosed with the disease as adolescents.

"Oncologists need to be aware of this elevated risk and follow women who have survived pediatric Hodgkin's disease very closely, with advanced screening for breast cancer," Basu said. Women should begin routine mammograms, and in some cases sonograms, 10 years after their diagnosis.

Basu worked on this project under the direction of Louis S. Constine, M.D., professor of radiation oncology and pediatrics, who has been studying the long-term effects of treatment for pediatric Hodgkin's disease.

"Dr. Basu did an outstanding job with her research and this award is well-deserved," Constine said. "She's an excellent clinician and scientist and provides wonderful care to pediatric patients."

Basu is a graduate of Bombay University in India and completed her residency at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York. She joined the University of Rochester Medical Center in July 2000.

Student Photographer Captures Beauty of Breast Cancer Survivors

A PICTURE is worth a thousand words, so the saying goes. Erica Finney, a sophomore at Rochester Institute of Technology, learned that photos of cancer survivors can say so much more.

Finney photographed breast cancer survivors who were treated at the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center last Fall as part of a class assignment.

The project was a challenging one, by design. Their professor asked each photography student to take a risk with their images. This student decided to take pictures of breast cancer survivors in memory of her mother, who died from the disease when Finney was young.

She approached the project with courage and a strong desire to understand how the women fought the disease and now, move on with their lives.



"These women were awesome and so inspiring," she said of Angela Pavone and Jacqueline Boyle.

And Finney's black-and-white photos captured the inner beauty of each woman, offering a stunning view of more than surviving, but thriving.

2 Join Wilmot Cancer Center

Continued from cover

Hospital and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, where he worked until 1991. He was at Roswell Park for more than 10 years before joining Wilmot Cancer Center in July.

"I have always been impressed by the clinical and research programs at the Wilmot Cancer Center and am excited about the opportunity to join such a fine institution," Bernstein said.

He researches immunologic techniques for treating lymphomas and myelodysplastic syndromes. He is a member of the American Society of Hematology, American Association for Cancer Research, American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation, and Cancer and Leukemia Group B. He has published numerous articles and book chapters.

Friedberg coordinates clinical trials for patients with indolent B-cell malignancies and Hodgkin's lymphoma. He is a graduate of Williams College and Harvard Medical School. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital and fellowships at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School.

He is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Hematology, and Cancer and Leukemia Group B. While at Dana-Farber, he was a member of the Rising Stars Program for Innovative Research and led a number of local and national studies of lymphoma treatment.

Recovery

Donald DeBlase: Committed to educating others

DONALD DEBLASE often speaks to teenagers about the importance of self-examination in cancer detection and prevention. Some high school students snicker, while others look a bit uneasy, shifting in their seats as DeBlase offers detailed instructions on how to check for testicular cancer.

As a young man, he didn't hear about testicular cancer in school, which is why he's committed to sharing his experience as a lesson for others. He regularly volunteers to speak with area high school health classes through a Hadassah education program.

DeBlase was 27 when he was diagnosed in March of 1998. He'd been suffering from high blood pressure and endured a series of tests to determine the cause. They found a tumor on his kidney and planned to have it removed immediately at Strong Memorial Hospital.

Following surgery, doctors learned that the tumor had metastasized from his testicle. Five days later, surgeon Edward Messing, M.D., urology chair, removed the testicle.

"I was completely out of it for days and when I woke up, they told me that both



"I NEVER DOUBTED THAT I WAS GOING TO BEAT THE DISEASE. I HAD TOO MANY PEOPLE COUNTING ON ME TO GET BETTER AND SO MUCH SUPPORT FROM MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS."



my kidney and testicle had been removed," he remembered. "It was scary, but I'm grateful they moved so quickly."

Testicular cancer is the most common form of cancer in young men between the ages of 15 and 35, and more common in white men. Approximately 7,500 men are diagnosed with testicular cancer each year, just 1 percent of all cancers, yet it is one of the most curable forms of the disease.

DeBlase, who operates his own property management firm, underwent chemotherapy, under the watchful eye of oncologist Deepak Sahasrabudhe, M.D., associate professor of hematology-oncology.

"I never doubted that I was going to beat the disease. I had too many people counting on me to get better and so much support from my family and friends," he says, citing his mother's encouragement and strength throughout the treatment.

"An experience like this makes you value your life and the people around you," says DeBlase, the father of a 6-year-old girl. "I want to always enjoy life and appreciate everything that I have."

Patient Adds Color to Young Patients' Lives

LAURI TONDRYK was undergoing treatment for a brain tumor when she looked around the infusion room, where several patients were receiving chemotherapy treatments.

"They all looked sad and tired and I thought to myself, 'these people have to do something...like...color!' said Tondryk, the mother of three lively girls.

Tondryk went home and decided to make a coloring book for children with cancer and any young-at-heart adults who want to be creative.

The coloring book addresses the fear, fatigue and joy of completing therapy for this child. Lea Rowe, an art student at Honeoye Falls-Lima High School, created the illustrations for the coloring book, entitled "Kick Tumor Butt."

Anyone interested in donating to support this project at the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center can contact Mary Ann Dever, director of development, at (585) 275-0806.



Connections

A VOLUNTEER'S STORY...



Volunteers play an integral role in the care of patients at the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center. At left are a few of the energetic team: from left, Kathryn Thomas, Carol Schauman, Claire Benesch, Carol Riccardi, Debbie Vangellow and Phyllis Clark. Above, Debbie Vangellow catches up with patient Eliza Brown.

THE James P. Wilmot Cancer Center is recruiting volunteers to assist and support patients. Volunteer Debbie Vangellow offered her thoughts on how valuable the program is for her and our patients.

It seems ironic that what has become my favorite activity of the week – volunteering in the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center – had its roots in one of the most emotionally trying periods of my life.

That difficult time was when my husband, Nick, who died just over two years ago, was undergoing chemotherapy at the Wilmot Cancer Center. At Nick's side during those long hours of treatments, I was heartened by the professionalism of the medical staff, but disturbed that their busy workload left them little time to provide patients with much extra attention.

After Nick died, I voiced my concerns and, at the urging of former director Dr. George Abraham, I got involved with the creation of a volunteer program focused on chemotherapy patients.

While I was intensely interested in helping get the effort off the ground, I never dreamed of volunteering due to time constraints from owning and managing my advertising agency. But when the program launched about a year ago, I concluded that the only way to evaluate its success was to pitch in and become a volunteer four hours a week.

As a volunteer, my primary focus is on the patients...doing the little things to lift their spirits and make them feel more comfortable...whatever it takes to make their treatments a more tolerable experience.

I provide drinks and snacks. And pillows and warm blankets. I also listen and talk with them about their experiences. I've even put on impromptu fashion shows with head coverings borrowed from the The Specialty Shop at Strong.

I offer positive reinforcement to the caregivers and the families. I believe volunteers have become invaluable to the doctors and nurses. They know that we are there to help them, and by lightening their workloads a bit, they have more time for the essentials and (sometimes now), even the extra care.

I now see medical professionals in a much different light. I've seen them treat patients with amazing tenderness and I've developed great respect for their ability to function so well in the difficult profession they've chosen.

Through volunteering, I've gotten to know many brave people, both patients and their families. Some are beating their cancer. Others have lost. For both, I take comfort in knowing that I've made a positive impact on their lives.

The time I spend volunteering each week is precious. It helps me keep my things in perspective and deepens my appreciation for all the positive things in my life.

YOU CAN HELP

There are a variety of positions available in chemotherapy, radiation and in-patient areas. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Jane Walsh at (585) 275-2420.

Upcoming Events

Christopher's Challenge Hike for Life

Sunday, July 21

Highland Park

To support the Blood and Marrow

Transplant Program

Contact: Kathy Costello, (585) 671-8071 or

Wendy Silverman, (585) 461-3232

Ronald L. Bittner Memorial Golf Classic

Friday, Aug. 16

Supports brain tumor research

Contact: Nikki Bittner, (585) 223-3988 or

Lanie Bittner, (585) 248-8945

Motorcycle-Poker Run

Sally Edelman and Harry Gardner

Cancer Research Foundation

Saturday, Aug. 24

Contact: George Kauffman,

(585) 720-9824

Couples Golf Tournament

Sally Edelman and Harry Gardner

Cancer Research Foundation

Saturday, Aug. 31

Contact: George Kauffman,

(585) 720-9824

Bike/Walk-a-thon

Sally Edelman and Harry Gardner

Cancer Research Foundation

Sunday, Sept. 15

Contact: George Kauffman,

(585) 720-9824

Breast Cancer Education Luncheon

Olympic gold medalist Peggy Fleming

Tuesday, Oct. 1

Riverside Convention Center

To benefit the Breast Care Center at

Highland Hospital

Contact: Stacie Gabriel, (585) 273-3179

Thriving After Breast Cancer

"The Other Side of Breast

Cancer – Finding Humor"

Saturday, Oct. 12

Sponsored by the Comprehensive

Breast Care Program

Contact: (585) 275-4797

Former Cancer Center Board Member, UR Alum, Roger Lathan Dies

ROGER D. LATHAN, one of the founding members of the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center Board, died April 8, 2002, after a long battle with cancer.

Mr. Lathan was one of the University of Rochester's most loyal alumni and the chief steward of its development and alumni affairs operations for many years. He served under five of the University's nine presidents and was significantly involved in three of its major fund-raising campaigns.

He was instrumental in establishment of the Wilmot Cancer Center's community board and led initial efforts to secure local funding for the Cancer Center.

"Roger was one of the original members of the planning committee and he was a vital part of the formation of what is now the Board of the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center. I was privileged to have known Roger and to have worked with him. He brought complete dedication to the mission of the Cancer Center," said Linda Wells Davey, the original chair of the Wilmot Cancer Center Board.

Lathan, a 1954 graduate of the University, served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956 and then joined the Home Life Insurance Company of New York as a field underwriter. He was named assistant director of the University of Rochester Fund in 1960, becoming associate director of the Office of University Development in 1963 and director of that office in 1966.

In 1975, he served as campaign director for the \$102 million Campaign for Rochester. He was promoted to assistant vice president for University relations in 1979, and to vice president for University relations in 1981. He became vice president and general secretary in 1987, with responsibility for trustee relations and assisting the president, playing a crucial supporting role in the \$375 million Campaign for the '90s.

"Roger was a master of quiet persistence," said longtime fundraising colleague Charles Miersch, senior associate dean for corporate relations and institutional advancement at the William E. Simon Graduate School of Business Administration. "He never accepted 'no' as an answer. He always thought there would be another opportunity, so he never wrote anybody off."

In January, the University's trustees established an endowed scholarship fund for undergraduates in honor of Mr. Lathan and his wife, Joan, longtime residents of Pittsford. The creation of the scholarship "signifies the enormous respect and admiration that Roger has from the board and from me for his role in advancing the University over the past four decades," President Thomas H. Jackson said at the time.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the The Discovery Fund at the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center, the Roger and Joan Lathan Scholarship Fund at the University of Rochester or the Rochester Rotary Charitable Foundation.





FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Six months ago I laid out a plan to help build the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center to one of the best in the nation. I said it was going to take a lot of time and effort, from the leadership of the medical center to each clinician, researcher, staff member, volunteer and supporter.

We've made significant progress in the first half of this year. We've transformed outdated laboratory space into new administrative offices on the first floor of the Wilmot Cancer Center. Many of our researchers relocated to the new biomedical research building that opened in May.

Staff is also working to expand the treatment center in the Ambulatory Care Building to help accommodate the growing patient volume. Adjacent programs on the third floor will relocate to other areas of the medical center and infusion and clinic areas will be expanded for cancer patients.

And, I'm pleased to report that we have recruited two more clinician-scientists to join our program – Dr. Jonathan Friedberg and Dr. Steven Bernstein. This brings the number of recruits to three, as Dr. Gary Lyman came on board in May.

As Drs. Bernstein and Friedberg join us, they help lay the groundwork for one of the strongest hematologic malignancy programs in the Northeast. Their outstanding clinical skills will serve as a tremendous resource for our patients.

Dr. Bernstein is a seasoned clinician and translational laboratory researcher who comes from Roswell Park Cancer Institute. He brings many new ideas for improving lymphoma therapy.

And Dr. Friedberg is a rising star in the field. He trained at my alma mater, Harvard Medical School and was an asset to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, embarking upon outstanding clinical and research programs.

These two oncologists are first-rate clinicians and talented researchers. They recognize that the future of the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center is bright and that this institution is on the fast-track to greatness.

Let's welcome them to Rochester and support their research initiatives.

Sincerely,

Richard I. Fisher, M.D.
 Director
 James P. Wilmot Cancer Center
 Strong Health Cancer Services



FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends,

It is axiomatic that education plays a crucial role in understanding, preventing, treating and eventually conquering cancer. In recognition of this, the Wilmot Cancer Center Board takes this responsibility very seriously and will sponsor a four-part educational series to help promote understanding of the disease this Fall, in celebration of September's Cancer Awareness Month.

Through the Board's Patient Relations Committee, we have scheduled a series, entitled "Cancer —It's Not the End: Living, Thriving, Hoping."

There will be free, weekly lectures and discussions about treatment and prevention at the Rochester Museum and Science Center, which is one of the many partners in this endeavor. Others include the American Cancer Society, the Wellness Center at Monroe Community Hospital and Gilda's Club.

Cancer Center Director Dr. Richard Fisher will be the kick-off speaker, sharing his vision for the future of care here. His lecture will be from 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 5th.

The following week, Sept. 12th, Dr. Jean Joseph will offer insight into innovations for treating prostate cancer and share details about laparoscopic radical prostatectomy, a new surgical technique. He is the only surgeon in Upstate New York to offer this procedure and is experiencing great success with this technique.

The critical issues of prevention and wellness will be discussed by a panel of community experts on Thursday, Sept. 19th. They will address nutrition, holistic medicine and support services.

The final discussion will focus on survivorship – and how to live well after diagnosis and treatment. Author Wendy Harpham, M.D., will offer a fresh look at cancer survivorship at noon on Friday, Oct. 4th, at the science center. She is a graduate of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and a lymphoma survivor. We are anxious to welcome her back to Rochester.

These sessions will be informative and should provide a great opportunity for all of us concerned about the battle against cancer.

Sincerely,

Mike Norris

Chair, James P. Wilmot Cancer Center Board

JAMES P. WILMOT CANCER CENTER BOARD

Charmaine Bennett
Nancy Buckett
Donald Clark
Olivia Cornell
Linda Davey
William Faucette
Richard Fisher, M.D.
Marilyn Frank
Eli Futerman
Lawrence Glazer
Joe Hanna
Vincent Leo
Judy Linehan
Shirley Moore
Michael Norris
Samuel Reeder
Gail Reeves
James Ryan Jr.
Avi Seidmann
Kathryn Thomas
Joyce Underberg
Judy von Bucher
Elizabeth Wehle
Tim Wilmot

Dialogue Editor:
Leslie White
Assistant Director of
Public Relations
(585) 273-1119

Discovery Ball

Nearly 1,000 Support Cancer Center
Continued from cover

"We were delighted to honor Mike Fennell for his courageous battle against lung cancer that has inspired us all. We mourn his passing and are confident that his spirit will live on in our staff, his family, and friends," Fisher said.

Fisher also thanked the many volunteers who spent hundreds of hours organizing the many details of the gala event.

"I'd like to extend my gratitude to Paul and Judy Linehan for their leadership in planning a spectacular evening, as well as the many volunteers who made the 2002 Discovery Ball a reality," Fisher said. "Also, I want to extend my gratitude to all of the Ball's corporate sponsors and contributors who have enabled us to continue advancing cancer care and research in Rochester."

Supporters enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the sprawling Galleria at the Convention Center, where 125 Discovery Bags were sold. Each bag contained a variety of items donated by local businesses and 30 of the 125 bags contained a "gold box" prize ranging in value from \$500 to \$2,500. Quickly selling out, the Discovery Bags raised \$31,250.

Guests also visited the Wishing Well donating almost \$10,000 for much-needed patient care items not covered in the Cancer Center's budget. Considered an important part of patient care, these items included creation of a new hospice room, research equipment, television monitors for the infusion and waiting rooms, educational materials, as well as personal items like wigs, hats and grocery gift cards for patients on fixed incomes.

As the evening progressed, guests enjoyed a four-course dinner and music by Mark Phillips and his bands.

The brief evening program included remarks from the Linehans, Fisher, Jay H. Stein, M.D., Senior Vice President and Vice Provost for Health Affairs at the University of Rochester Medical Center and CEO of Strong Health, and Mike Norris, Chair of the Cancer Center Board.

Mike Fennell, former Yankee bullpen catcher and baseball coach for McQuaid, received the 2002 Inspiration Award. In accepting the prestigious award, he graciously thanked "Team Fennell," the specialists who've cared for him at the Wilmot Cancer Center and Strong Memorial Hospital – Kishan Pandya, M.D., Cargill Alleyne, M.D., Allison King, M.D., Paul Okunieff, M.D., Anthony Pietropaoli, M.D., and Patti Messina, R.N. "Without their dedication and help, we wouldn't have been able to make it through," Fennell said. "Thanks guys, you're the best!"

We offer our heartfelt thanks to our committee members and volunteers whose hard work and dedication made the 2002 Discovery Ball a tremendous success!

STEERING COMMITTEE

Judy & Paul Linehan,
Ball Co-chairs

Judi Chamberlain
Olivia Cornell
Mary Ann Dever
Carla Froehler
Jessica Froehler
Dave Mammano
Shari McDonald
Melissa Nash
Michael Norris
Gail Reeves
Caroline Ryan
Jim Ryan, Jr.
Tim Wilmot

HONORARY COMMITTEE

June & Sam Reeder, Co-chairs
George N. Abraham, M.D.
Nancy & Joe Briggs
Olivia & David Cornell
Linda Wells Davey
Joan & Harold Feinbloom
Susan Fisher, Ph.D. &
Richard Fisher, M.D.
Marilyn & Irwin Frank, M.D.
Carolyn & Roger Friedlander
Carla & Jim Froehler
Mary & Edward Hundert, M.D.
Willy & Bob Hursh
Bonnie & Tom Jackson
Joan & Roger Lathan*
Jennifer Leonard &
David Cay Johnston
Nancy Mason
Lillian & Ed Meagher
Karen & Gary Roth
Joan & Jim Ryan, Sr.
Susan & Jay Stein, M.D.
Joyce Underberg
Judy & Erik von Bucher
Colleen & Tom Wilmot
Marion & Bill Wilmot

CORPORATE UNDERWRITING COMMITTEE

Judy & Paul Linehan
John Anderson
Donald Clark, Jr.
David Cornell
Steve DePerrior
Mary Jo Foster
Elliot Landsman
Vince Leo
Patty & Jerry Mackey
Michael Norris
Mark O'Connor
Julie & John Odenbach
Jeffrey Pierce
Lin & C.J. Rapp
Caroline & Jim Ryan, Jr.
Steve Sauer
Tim Williams
Tim Wilmot

CULINARY & DECORATING COMMITTEE

Judi Chamberlain, Chair
Judy Linehan
Meredith Utman

GALA EVENING SALES COMMITTEE

Olivia Cornell, Cco-chair
Carla Froehler, Co-chair
Melkon Babigian
Jennifer Bagley
Lauren Dixon
Joan Fulreader
Amy Kates
John Kraus
Judy Linehan
Joan Maxwell
Alexis Zimmerman

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Gail & Bill Reeves, Co-chairs
Billie Bovenzi
Brad Bovenzi
Judy & Stephen Chamberlain
Dawn & Steve DePerrior
Wanda & Lee Edgcomb, III
Mary Jo & Joseph Foster
Carla & Jim Froehler
Judy & Paul Linehan
Janice & Bill Matt
Caroline & Jim Ryan, Jr.
Stephanie & Steven Sauer
David Spiehler
Meredith & Chris Utman
Judy & Erik von Bucher
Terri & Tim Wilmot

* Deceased



Oncology nurses helped raise nearly \$10,000 with the Wishing Well at the Discovery Ball. From left are Michele Hobbs, R.N., Nuni Ortiz, L.P.N., Shari McDonald, R.N., and Patti Murray, R.N. The donations help support much-needed patient care items.

PROGRAM BOOK COMMITTEE

Dave Mammano, Chair
Diana Bish

WISHING WELL COMMITTEE

Shari McDonald, Co-chair
Melissa Nash, Co-chair
Amie Freeling Brown

EVENING VOLUNTEERS

Charmaine Bennett
Trish Bieck
Ken Bingerman
Lisa Bodenstedt
Terri Bohling
Kathy Buckpitt
Joe Carney
Amy Crosby
Brenda Curran
Carole Curran
Sunny Damji
Brandy Doberstein
Rosemary Donatello
Kathy Erikson
Laurie Faggiano
Jessica Froehler
J.E. Giarrizzo
Becky Herman
Amanda Hershey
Lori Holder
Michele Hobbs
Frank Interlichia
Erin Johnson

Mary Ann Kiely
Larry Kelly
Vicky Kolb
Anna Lara
Brian Martin
Peggy Martin
Shari McDonald
Patti Murray
Melissa Nash
Linda O'Connor
Nuni Ortiz
Lucy Prytyskach
Patricia Quigley
Christopher Raimy
Kristine Ryck
Mary Lou Salemi
Vicki Scavone
Eric Shoen
Jen Smith
Marianne Smith
Erik Stajonic
Carol Stamm
David Taylor
Ellen Thomas
Chris Utman
Meredith Utman
Ayishah White
Leslie White
Ann Wool
Kim Ziegler

Ryans Chair *Discovery Ball* 2003

CAROLINE and Jim Ryan have been selected to chair the 2003 Discovery Ball, set for Saturday, May 3rd.

They have been active in the planning of the past events and most recently led the corporate underwriting committee.

“We’re excited about the many opportunities and challenges that are ahead and look forward to an outstanding event,” said Jim Ryan.

HONOREE SUCCUMBS TO CANCER BATTLE



INSPIRATION AWARD RECIPIENT MIKE FENNELL passed away May 15, 2002, ending an 18-month battle with lung cancer.

THE FORMER YANKEE BULLPEN CATCHER and McQuaid Jesuit High School baseball coach was recognized for his positive attitude and personal drive in fighting the disease.

MANY IN THE COMMUNITY SAID HIS COURAGE and faith in God taught them about how to live and to face diversity with determination.

His spirit lives on in all those who were fortunate enough to cross his path.



Guests of David and Olivia Cornell enjoy a toast during the 2002 Discovery Ball.

Howie Jacobsen, left, toting a Discovery Bag, and his wife, Shirley, right, chat with Mary Ellen Burris.

Lilly Oncology
 Merkel Donohue & Steelcase
 Merrill Lynch
 Morgan Stanley Dean Witter
 Invesco National Asset Management
 The nextSTEP Magazine
 Nixon Peabody LLP
 Gail & Michael Norris
 Northwestern Mutual Financial Network
 O'Connor Chevrolet
 Ortho Biotech Oncology
 PaeTec Communications
 PICS Telecom Corporation
 The Malcom D. Pierce Family
 PriceWaterhouseCoopers
 Red Barn Properties
 Real Lease
 The University of Rochester Medical Center
 Valley Cadillac Corporation
 Judy & Erik von Bucher
 Wegmans Food Markets
 Wendy's Restaurants of Rochester

BENEFACTORS

\$1,000-\$2,499
 Bob Hastings Oldsmobile - GMC Truck, Inc.
 Bob Johnson Chevrolet
 Boylan, Brown, Code, Vigdor, & Wilson, LLP
 Cobblestone Capital Advisors, LLC
 Joan & Harold Feinbloom
 Harter Secrest & Emery LLP
 Hayes Fischer Capital Management
 Amy & Steven Kates, M.D.
 Landsman Development Corp.
 Joan & Roger Lathan*

Nancy Mason
 Shirley & Jim Moore
 Debbie & Steve Morris
 Julie & John Odenbach
 Shree & Kishan Pandya, M.D.
 Paychex, Inc.
 Caroline & Jim Ryan, Jr.
 Sharon Norry Seidmann & Avi Seidmann, Ph.D.
 Lori Van Dusen Consulting Group
 Spoleta Construction
 Sallie Wilmot & Ben Carroll
 Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP
 *Deceased

GIFT-IN-KIND DONORS

A Different Point of View
 A Touch of Country Class
 Aladdins Natural Eatery
 All Occasions Catering
 Andrea Esthetics
 Bacco's Ristorante
 Richard Bell
 John & Andrea Billias
 The Black Sheep
 Boom Restaurant
 Bristol Harbour Golf Club
 Brite Computer
 Bruegger's Bagel Bakery
 Century Liquor
 Charlie's Frog Pond
 Chaussures
 Chili's Grill & Bar
 The Clark House
 Clark Moving & Storage Inc.
 CMI Communications
 Constellation Brands, Inc.
 Cooley Group, Stuart Boyar
 Cornell's Jewelers
 Coyote Vision
 Crowne Plaza Rochester
 Crystal Barn
 Daisy Flour Mill
 Davinci's
 Dermatology Associates of Rochester, PC
 The Distillery
 Dixon Schwabl Advertising, Inc.
 Don Pablo's Mexican Kitchen
 The Dorschel Automotive Group
 E. J. Del Monte Corporation
 Eber Brothers
 Edgerton Floral
 Edwards Restaurant
 Estee Lauder
 Ethan Allen Furniture
 Ewe Two

PLATINUM SPONSORS

\$25,000 and up
 Paul & Judy Linehan

GOLD SPONSORS

\$10,000-\$24,999
 The Farash Corporation
 Jane F. & Wm. J. Napier Charitable Trust
 Sam & June Reeder
 The James P. Wilmot Foundation
 Tom & Colleen Wilmot

SILVER SPONSORS

\$5,000-\$9,999
 Dr. George Abraham
 Arthur Andersen
 Buckingham Properties & Home Trends
 Constellation Brands
 Cornell's Jewelers
 Corporate Woods Associates
 Dixon Schwabl Advertising
 Hahn Automotive Warehouse, Inc.
 Joe & Linda Hanna
 Harris, Beach & Wilcox, LLP
 Carla & Jim Froehler & Landmark Retail, LLC
 M & T Bank
 Wilmorite
 Tim & Terri Wilmot

BRONZE SPONSORS

\$2,500-\$4,999
 Dr. Camille Abboud & Friends
 Colleen & John Anderson
 Aventis Oncology
 The Baker & Fennell Families
 Bartenders & Party Planners Unlimited
 The Burke Group
 Business Methods
 Choice One Communications
 Tim & Mary Wilmot Curtin
 Linda Wells Davey
 E.J. Del Monte Corporation
 Empire Beef Company
 Ethan Allen Home Interiors
 Drs. Susan & Richard Fisher
 Fleet Bank
 GlaxoSmithKline
 Hammer Lithograph & Wet Planet Beverages
 Insero, Kaperski, Ciaccia, & Co., P.C.
 Iron Mountain
 Interior Design Loft
 J.B. Sterling Construction Company
 John W. Danforth Company
 KPMG LLP
 Lacy, Katzen, Ryen & Mittleman, LLP
 LeChase Construction

Eye Openers Optical Fashions
 Fairport Village Inn
 Festina Watches
 Fioravanti Florist Inc.
 Florida Marlins
 Forsythe Jewelers
 Dr. & Mrs. Ronald Freeling
 Mr. & Mrs. James Froehler
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Fulreader
 Gallery Picture Framing
 Genesee Country Village &
 Museum
 Geva Theatre
 Linda & Joe Hanna
 Harry Bruno Salon
 Harter Secrest & Emery LLP
 Hedges Nine Mile Point, Inc.
 AKA Henry's
 The Hickey Freeman Co.
 Hicks and McCarthy
 IK Systems
 In Style Magazine
 Inspiration Designs, Inc.
 The James P. Wilmot

Cancer Center
 Jared's Global Cuisine
 jetBlue Airlines
 John Hardy
 Juliana's
 Jim Kelly
 Kodak Digital & Applied
 Imaging
 Mr. & Mrs. John Kraus
 The Lance Armstrong
 Foundation
 L'Avant Garbe
 Lincoln Hill Inn
 Judy & Paul Linehan
 Linehan Hallmark
 The Lodge at Woodcliff
 Martini Grill

Max of Eastman Place
 Meme Hill Studio/Amie
 Freeling Brown
 The Memorial Art Gallery
 Mercury Printing
 Michele Watches
 Mickey Finn's
 Mirbeau Inn & Spa
 Moonshine Barbecue
 The Mundo Grill
 Neptune Music
 New York Yankees
 The nextSTEP Magazine
 Jane O'Donnell
 Park Avenue Pub
 Parkleigh
 Pasta Villa
 Perlo's
 Pilates Plus



Supporters enjoyed an evening of dining and dancing at the Discovery Ball. Guests learned about the future of cancer care in Rochester from Director Richard I. Fisher, M.D., right. The culmination of the evening was the presentation of the Inspiration Award to local baseball hero Mike Fennell. At far right, he receives congratulations from Medical Center CEO Jay Stein, M.D., and his wife, Susan.



Pittsford Plaza Merchants
 Association
 Pomodoro Grill & Wine Bar
 The Red Barn Gentleman's
 Apparel
 Restaurant 2 Vine
 Rhythm Restaurant
 Richardson's Canal House
 The Rio Bamba
 The Rochester Athletic Club
 for Women
 Rochester Broadway Theater
 League, Inc.
 Rochester Riverside Convention
 Center
 Rochester Red Wings
 Rock Ventures
 The Roger Clemens Foundation

Roseland Waterpark
 Riverside Productions
 Salon Enzu
 Select Comfort
 Shadow Lake Golf &
 Racquet Club
 Shear Ego Salon & Spa
 Shoe Concepts
 The Ski Company Mountain
 Sports
 Snow Country Ski Shop, Inc.
 Sooz Salon
 Stanley's Flowers
 Stan's Place
 Starbucks Coffee Co.
 Steuben
 STUFF by Mall Media
 Sutter's Canandaigua
 Marina, Inc.

Tantalo Photography
 Tapas 177 Lounge
 Tasteful Connections
 Thomas Paddock Oriental Rugs
 Thrillz
 Tonic
 Tony Grana's
 Tress Hair Salon
 Up the Creek
 Dr. & Mrs. Robert Vanderlinde
 Vic & Irv's Hots & Burgers Inc.
 Vitoch Interiors
 Wegmans Food Markets
 Westfall Florist
 Wilmorite, Inc.
 Wisteria Flowers
 The Wolf Group of Rochester

On Giving

THE James P. Wilmot Cancer Center's physicians, researchers, technicians, nurses, social workers, and staff would like to thank those individuals, businesses, and organizations that show an outstanding commitment to conquering cancer through generous gifts of time, talents, and treasures.

This report lists donors who contributed gifts of \$100 or more from **March 1, 2002** through **May 31, 2002**.

Although all gifts are greatly appreciated, due to space and budget limitations, we are unable to list the donors who contributed less than \$100 during this time period, unless it was received as a gift in memory or honor of an individual.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this report. If your name or any other information has been listed incorrectly, we apologize and ask that you call Mary Ann Dever, director of development, at (585) 275-0806, to correct misinformation.

*=deceased
+=matching gift

INDIVIDUALS \$10,000-\$30,000

Wilhelmina O'Connor Trust*
Mr. & Mrs. Harry L. Owlett
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel J. Reeder

INDIVIDUALS \$5,000-\$9,999

Dr. George N. Abraham
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Linehan
Ms. Alice E. Ringler Trust
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas C. Wilmot

INDIVIDUALS \$1,000-\$4,999

Mr. & Mrs. John W. Anderson
DeEtta Bascom Trust*
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Curtin
Mrs. Linda W. Davey
Mr. & Mrs. Albert DiPaola
Ms. Norma S. Fennell
Mr. Robert J. Fischer
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Frame
Mr. & Mrs. Robert B. Frame
Dr. & Mrs. Ronald M. Freeling
Mr. & Mrs. James J. Froehler
Mrs. Eileen M. Kissel
Dr. & Mrs. Elliott I. Landsman
Mrs. Steven E. & Tracie
Lipshultz
Ms. Nancy Mason
Mr. & Mrs. Charlton I. Prince
Mr. & Mrs. James D. Ryan
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Thaney
Mr. & Mrs. William B. Wilmot

INDIVIDUALS \$500-\$999

Dr. & Mrs. Camille N. Abboud
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce J. Baker
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Black
Mr. & Mrs. Robert S. Campbell
Dr. Reggie E. Duerst
Ms. Christine Forken
Mrs. Katherine K. Frame
Mr. Darryl Gronsky
Mr. Alfred M. Hallenbeck
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Huxley
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kasperski
Dr. & Mrs. Stephen L. Kates
Mr. & Mrs. Peter J. Landers
Dr. & Mrs. John E. Loughner
Mrs. Craig C. & Catherine
Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Peter S. Palermo
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pappalardo
Mr. & Mrs. Karl Postler
Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Ringrose
Mrs. Deepak Sahasrabudhe &
Jane Liesveld
Mr. & Mrs. James Sakr
Mr. Anton V. Schutz

Mr. & Mrs. Erik von Bucher
Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph Warren

INDIVIDUALS \$250-\$499

Mr. & Mrs. Tony F. Abone
Ms. Doris G. Albert
Mr. Andrew R. Allen
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur A. Alvut
Mrs. Nela Amico
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Anderson
Mr. Steven H. Bernstein
Mrs. Patricia A. Bieck
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen L. Bills
Mr. John Bouchard
Mr. Brad Bovenzi
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel J. Brady
Mr. & Mrs. James Briggs
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony S. Carlisi
Mr. & Mrs. Leo S. Catarisano
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen
Chamberlain
Mrs. Leway Chen & Marilyn
Ling
Mr. & Mrs. Peter A. Ciaccia
Mr. & Mrs. Donald B. Clark
Mr. H. C. Digby Clements
Mrs. Patricia Connelly
Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Cooney
Mr. & Mrs. David Cornell
Mr. Richard Crecco
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Darling
Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Dorschel
Mr. Richard J. Drake
Mr. & Mrs. John R. Duford
Mr. Brian Dwyer
Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Edgcomb, III
Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Fennell*
Ms. Donna Ferra
Mrs. Cynthia V. Forbes
Dr. & Mrs. Irwin Frank
Mr. & Mrs. Frank W. Fulreader
Mr. & Mrs. Leo Fusilli
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Gaffney
Ms. Maureen Gallagher
Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Garrett
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Golini
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Goonan
Mr. & Mrs. Peter C. Granger
Mr. & Mrs. James E. Hammer

Mr. R. Macy Harris
Mr. & Mrs. John C. Hayes
Mr. & Mrs. J. Raymond Hensler
Mr. & Mrs. John D. Hover
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel T. Hubbard
Mr. & Mrs. Frank A. Inero
Mr. & Mrs. Howard R. Jacobson
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Johnson
Mr. Edward W. Kay
Ms. Patrice J. Kearney
Ms. Umay Khuri
Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Kiner
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph F. Kosters
Mr. & Mrs. John R. Kraus
Mr. & Mrs. Steven A. LaDelfa
Dr. & Mrs. Leslie W. Lange
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent A. Leo
Dr. & Mrs. Neal R. Levitt
Mr. John Liljequist
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Lotzar
Mr. John R. Lyboldt
Mr. Lou Mamon
Mr. Timothy Maroney
Mr. & Mrs. Richard F. Massie
Mr. Thomas A. Mayfield
Mr. James M. McKean
Mr. & Mrs. Edward T. Meagher
Mr. W. Christopher Mereau
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Morris
Ms. Margy Morse
Mr. Robert Noonan
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nowak
Mr. J. Scott Odorisi
Mr. Nickolas Optis
Mr. Francis L. Ostrom
Mr. Christopher A. Palmer
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel P. Purcell
Mr. Joseph A. Roscoe
Ms. Melanie Roselli
Ms. Joann Schoellkopf
Dr. & Mrs. Robert H. Schwartz
Mr. Jeff Seidel
Dr. & Mrs. Abraham Seidmann
Mr. & Mrs. M. J. Skirboll
Mr. & Mrs. Richard H. Skuse
Mr. Thomas Slechta & Dr.
Deborah A. Slechta
Mr. & Mrs. J. Michael Smith
Dr. & Mrs. Jay H. Stein
Mr. Rich Swereda
Mr. & Mrs. William S. Thomas
Ms. Carol A. Urtz
Dr. George M. Uschold
Ms. Deborah Vangellow
Mr. Thomas R. Wahl
Ms. Kim Wells
Mr. Tom Willett
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Williamson
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Wilmot
Mr. & Mrs. James R. Wilmot

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin R. Wilmot
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd S. Winslow
Mr. & Mrs. Richard T. Yarmel
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Zimmerman
Ms. Mary Ann Zutes

INDIVIDUALS

\$100-\$249

Dr. William S. Andaloro
Mrs. Patricia N. Anderson
Anonymous
Dr. & Mrs. Ernst Auerbacher
Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Bergin
Mrs. Lisa Bodenstedt
Ms. Eloise Botsford
Mr. Andreas Bottaro & Dr. Faith Young
Mr. David Bourne
Mr. Michael Bucci
Ms. Nancy Buckett
Mr. & Mrs. William W. Coleman
Dr. Patrick J. Condry
Mr. James F. Curl
Mr. & Mrs. Tyrell C. Dryer
Mr. Joseph Fennell
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Fennell
Mr. Heinrich Fischer
Mr. Raymond Freeman
Mr. & Mrs. Eli Futerman
Mr. Patrick K. Gallagher
Dr. Arnoldus Goudsmit
Mr. & Mrs. Darren R. Hall
Mr. & Mrs. John J. Higgins
Mr. John L. Howard
Dr. Robert O. Jensen
Mr. Patrick Kearney
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kesselring
Mr. Robert C. Kinne
Ms. Elizabeth M. Larson
Mr. & Mrs. Roger D. Lathan*
Mr. & Mrs. James Lill
Miss Hilda J. Milham
Mr. Frederick J. Mingos
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd E. Mitchell
Mrs. Shirley Mitchell Moore
Ms. Kazumi Nakano
Mrs. Jane F. Napier
Dr. & Mrs. Munir E. Nassar
Mr. Henry P. Offermann
Ms. Regina Robinson
Mr. & Mrs. Verne N. Rockcastle
Dr. Henry D. Rohrer
Ms. Sandra U. Rowland
Mrs. Betty M. Schlemitz
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel J. Scott
Mr. & Mrs. Eli Sokol
Mr. John P. Spanburgh
Mrs. Lynda S. Stock

Ms. Kathy Van Allen
Ms. Joan C. Vetter
Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Wall
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Weisenbeck
Mr. Carl L. Wellington
Mr. Charles B. Wilson
Mr. Vincent Zuber

ASSOCIATIONS

\$50,000-\$99,999

American Cancer Society

ASSOCIATIONS

\$10,000-\$29,999

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Leukemia Society of America

ASSOCIATIONS

\$1,000-\$4,999

Charity Fundings
McQuaid Jesuit High School
Rochester Female Charitable Society

ASSOCIATIONS

\$100-\$249

United Way of Greater Rochester, Inc.

CORPORATIONS

\$10,000-\$29,999

Salomon Smith Barney

CORPORATIONS

\$5,000-\$9,999

Andersen Foundation
Constellation Brands, Inc.
Hahn Automotive Warehouse, Inc.
M & T Bank
Natapow Management Group
Wilmore Property Management, LLC

CORPORATIONS

\$1000-\$4,999

Aventis Pharmaceuticals Products
Bob Johnson Chevrolet
Boylan, Brown, Code, Vigdor & Wilson, LLP
Buckingham Properties
Business Methods Inc.
Choice One Communications
Cobblestone Capital Advisors
Cornell's Jewelers

Davie, Kaplan Chapman & Braverman PC
Ethan Allen Furniture
GlaxoSmithKline
Hammer Lithograph Corp.
Bob Hastings Oldsmobile-GMC Truck, Inc.
Hayes Fischer Capital Management
Home Trends Picket Fence
Invesco Institutional
Iron Mountain
Lacy, Katzen, Ryen, & Mittleman
LeChase Construction and Affiliated Companies
Lilly Oncology
Merkel-Donohue Inc.
Merrill Lynch & Company, Inc.
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter
Nixon Peabody LLP
Northwestern Mutual Financial Network
Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.
Ortho Biotech, Inc.
PaeTec Communications, Inc.
Paychex, Inc.
PICS Telecom
PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP
Real Lease, Inc.
Red Barn Properties
Salomon Smith Barney
Spoleta Construction and Development Corp.
J.B. Sterling Company
University of Rochester Dept. of Radiation Oncology
Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.
Wendy's Restaurants of Rochester
Wet Planet Beverages
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP

CORPORATIONS

\$500-\$999

Bartenders Unlimited, Inc.
Interior Design Loft, LLC
Nory Construction Company
The nextSTEP Magazine

CORPORATIONS

\$250-\$499

Canandaigua National Bank
Charitable Gift Fund - Fidelity Investments
Hatch-Leonard-Naples, Inc.
Monroe Tractor & Implement Co.
Town & Country Travel
Video-Tech Productions

CORPORATIONS

\$100-\$249

M & E Realty
Millipore Foundation + Vangellow & Associates

FOUNDATIONS

\$100,000 AND UP

The James P. Wilmot Foundation

FOUNDATIONS

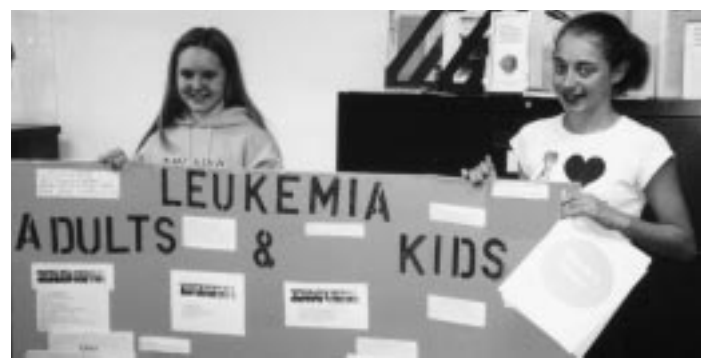
\$5,000-\$9,999

Rochester Area Community Foundation

FOUNDATIONS

\$1000-\$4,999

John W. Danforth Co. Foundation Fund



Greece Arcadia Middle School students Lauren Vacher and Melissa Johnson donated an educational poster to the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center. They researched leukemia and lymphoma for a health project and wanted their efforts to help others. It's on display in the Treatment Center in the Ambulatory Care Center.

IN HONOR OF

ROBERT EBERLING, SR
Mr. Peter V. Lent

JOHN MAHON
Mr. Peter V. Lent

MIKE O'NEILL
Mr. Richard Hinell
Mr. & Mrs. Michael F. Ryan

URMC DEPARTMENT OF
RADIATION ONCOLOGY
Mr. James R. Toole

DR. MORTON ORLOV
Mr. Peter V. Lent

A. CLARK PIEPER
Ms. Nancy B. Pieper

DR. DEEPAK SAHASRABUDHE
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Estabrook

DOLORES & CARL SAUER
Ms. Helene Cohn

ANNETTE WALDMAN'S
80TH BIRTHDAY
Mrs. Thelma Angell

IN MEMORY OF

JACK ADLER
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Leroux

LAURA ALBERTI
Ms. Marie E. Roth
Mr. & Mrs. Grant Tucker

LINDA ALMOND
Ms. Patricia M. Flatley
Ms. Amy M. Krueger

ROSEMARIE T. ANTONELLI
Ms. Mary DiLaura
Mr. & Mrs. Pat G. Stark

SIDNEY ASTEN
Mrs. Carol Durso
Mrs. Mary E. Durso

JAMES BAILEY
Ms. D. Patricia Borrelli

JOANN BONACCI
Mrs. Patricia A. Affronti

ANTHONY BOVENZI
Mr. James V. Bovenzi

JEFFREY BUDD
Ms. Jodi A. Philipps

Employees of Nortel
Networks
Mr. & Mrs. James Robertson

DOROTHY & ROBERT A.
CORNELL
Mr. & Mrs. C. Bruce Cornell

ANGELO CURCIO
Mrs. Mary Curcio

JOANE CURTIS
Ms. Mable R. Sherman

JOSEPH B. DAMMERT
Mrs. Mary Jane Connor

RAYMOND DELL, SR.
Ms. Rita G. Dell

DORIS DONADONI
Ms. Beverly J. Conn

ROBERT DONLIN
Mr. Bruce E. Reed

IRENE DOWNES
Dr. & Rev. Kenneth M.
McConnochie

MOLLY EFRON
Mr. Thomas J. Dolan

RICHARD H. EISER
Mr. Theodore J. Voll

YOUR FAMILY
Mr. Francis J. Mastropietro

MIKE FENNELL
Mr. & Mrs. Willard C.
Bunney
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J.
Cameron
Mr. & Mrs. Michael J.
Cooney
Creative Ink by Cathy Kamp
Ms. Mary Ann Dever
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph D. Feeney
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R.

Ferranti
Florida Marlins, L.P.
Mr. & Mrs. William M. Flynn
Ms. Susan M. Gibbons
Mrs. Maureen A. Hicks
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Hogan
Mr. Darren McKinney
Ms. Coraleen K. Mee
Dr. & Mrs. Kishan Pandya
Mr. & Mrs. Richard T.
Reddington
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P.
Sapienza
Mr. & Mrs. Richard V.
Smerbeck

Mr. & Mrs. David L. Stone
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce A. Turner
Walter's Photography
Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Weber

DR. J. FERIN
Mrs. Lydia L. Ferin

HARRIET FOLEY
Ms. Jean M. Escott

LOLA GARDNER
Mr. Duane Mault
Mr. & Mrs. Horace M.
Trenholm
Mr. & Mrs. Mark S. Wingate

RENE GEHAN
Ms. Christine Di Bacco

CLINTON WILLIAM HALE
Mr. & Mrs. George R. Bortle

M. EVELYN HARTLIEB
Mr. David R. Perry

WILLIAM HAWLEY
Ms. Eleanor Bloss
Ms. Rosemary T. Brady
Ms. Lorene C. Burandt
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Burford
Mr. & Mrs. Robert A.
DeMaria
Mr. Robert E. DeWald
Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Felts
Mrs. Virginia A. Grover
Mr. & Mrs. Richard H.
Heineman
Ms. Carrie Marasco
Mr. Thomas F. Masten
Mr. & Mrs. Carl D. Mogavero
Mr. David C. Pettig
Mr. & Mrs. John L. Sale
Mrs. Pauline M. Simmons
Mr. F. Chase Taylor
Mrs. Mary Kathryn Vollmer
Mrs. Beverly J. Wolfanger
Ms. Bernice Wright
Mrs. Jean M. Wright

ROBERT H. HILL
Ms. Elizabeth B. Banister

BRIAN "RUSTY" HILL
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Massara

WILLIAM KANE
Friends and family of
William Kane

MARY LAGEORGE
Mr. & Mrs. George H.
Bahrenburg
Ms. Susan M. Bell



The Adult Brain Tumor Network and The Brainstormers, a support group for parents of children with brain tumors, held a family picnic on May 9. The event was a great opportunity for families to enjoy an evening of sharing.

E.W. "BILL" CALLAHAN
Ms. Susan C. Brunick
NBT Bank

JANET CASTRONOVA
Friends and family of Janet
Castronova

RICHARD CLAUSEN
Mr. Leo F. Adamski
Mr. & Mrs. Gunter P.
Borrosch
Mr. & Mrs. John A. Fayko

ROGER LATHAN
Mrs. Madalyn K. Abraham
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon
Anderson
Mrs. Patricia N. Anderson
Ms Linda Barbero
Ms. Theresa Bronte
Mr. Edwin I. Colodny
Mrs. Linda W. Davey
Ms. Mary Ann Dever
Farash Corporation
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bruce
Frame
Mr. Richard M. Gage
Ms. Ann Carol Goldberg
Mr. & Mrs. Charles R.
Gowen
Ms. Kathleen W. Grinnell
Mr. & Mrs. Terrence L.
Gurnett
Hatch-Leonard-Naples, Inc
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen C. Irwin
Ms. Romaine J. Kaminski
Ms. Helena M. Krebs
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J.
Loffredo
Mr. & Mrs. Frank E. Luellen
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert G.
McCurdy
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick W.
McNabb
Ms. Heidi A. Mueller
Ms. Nancy B. Pieper
Mr. Alan S. Pine
Mr. & Mrs. David A. Ragusa
Mr. & Mrs. R. Scott
Rasmussen
Ms. Nancy Robbins
Mr. & Mrs. Robert J.
Scrimgeour
Mr. & Mrs. Michael P.
Solazzo
Mr. & Mrs. Pat G. Stark
Dr. & Mrs. Jay H. Stein
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Trinker
Dr. & Mrs. Christopher
Utman
Mr. & Mrs. Erik von Bucher
Mrs. Joan B. Williams
Mr. & Mrs. John A. Yaeger
Ms. Barbara A. Zinker
Ms. Linda Zuber

MARK A. LEMKE
Ms. Deborah L. Lemke

MARY LONG HORNE
Col. & Mrs. Arthur D.
Gaston

LARRY W. LONG
Col. & Mrs. Arthur D.
Gaston

LEONARD LONG
Col. & Mrs. Arthur D.
Gaston

WALDO MACDONALD
Ms. Marian B. Wickes

GERARD MARTIN
Ms. Julia E. Martin

CHRISTINE M. MARTIONI
Mr. Charles B. Martioni

BETTY ANN MCDONALD
Mr. James F. McDonald

MAYORA NEVE
The Standard Register

HILTBURG OVERACKER
Dr. & Mrs. Albert T. Brault

DIANE PLAIN
Mr. James C. East

STANLEY R. RAY
Mr. Claude C. Barclay

JOHN REAGAN
Mr. & Mrs. Richard E.
Chamberlain
Ms. Kristi A. Menden
Ms. Dorleon B. Reagan

SHEILA RINALDI
Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Baird
Mrs. Margaret E. Clark
Mr. & Mrs. Robert P.
Davenport
The Niagara University
Student Athlete Advisory
Committee
Mrs. Joyce Perrone
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis W.
Stoelting

ROY ROBERTS
Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Peck

WILFRID ROWE
Mr. & Mrs. Terry A.
Freeman

MARGARET JANE SCHOCK
Mr. Bruce A. Americus
Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Bunting
Ms. Pam Castellani
Mr. Chris Davis
Friends and family of Jane
Schock
Mr. & Mrs. Michael G.
Greives
Mr. & Mrs. James P.
Growney
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin J.
Grubman
Ms. Donna M. Landry
Mrs. Lisa M. Perri
Ms. Patricia A. Rhodes
Mr. Richard D. Rose
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Saulnier
Mr. Douglas Spear
Mr. Philip J. Uher
3030 East Ave.
Condominium Assoc.

FRANK B. SMITH
Mr. Richard Defendorf
Mr. & Mrs. Wendell V.
Discher
Mr. Robert W. Hardisty
Mr. & Mrs. Laurence C. Kise
Mrs. Maureen Niescierenko
Mr. & Mrs. Robert A.
Rickman
Mr. Robert Schriever
Mr. Burdette J. Shaw
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Valvo
Mrs. Joan L. Van Velson

SONYA SPITTLER
Mr. & Mrs. B. William
Massar

MARY R. STARK
Ms. Jo Anne L. Antonacci
Mr. & Mrs. Robert S. Canan
Friends and family of Mary
R. Stark
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis L.
Hurtado
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel L. Pitts
Mr. & Mrs. Francis G.
Provino
Mr. & Mrs. Ray H. Slack
Mr. Daniel D. Turner
Mr. & Mrs. Carl M. Weidner
Mr. & Mrs. R. Wollschleger

MILENA TADICH
Ms. Joanne S. Donals

JOYCE WATSON
Dr. & Mrs. Albert T. Brault

BONNIE WHEELER
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Sims

WILLIAM & EMILY YAHN
Mr. Harold J. Stoner

STANLEY ZIARKOSKI
Mr. Edward F. Przybycien
Ms. Florence P. Przybycien

Niagara University Athletes Support Breast Cancer Research

ATHLETES typically take on a challenge and push themselves to the limit trying to attain their goal. It was no different for members of Niagara University sports teams when one of their own lost a mother to breast cancer.

Swimmer Nick Rinaldi's mother, Sheila, succumbed to the disease earlier this year after intensive treatment at the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center.

His teammates and fellow classmates in the Niagara University Student Athlete Advisory Committee demonstrated their support for Rinaldi by selling university pins with pink ribbons. They raised \$270 during a Breast Cancer Awareness Week celebration on campus and donated the funds to the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center in memory of Nick's mother.



YOU CAN SUPPORT THE JAMES P. WILMOT CANCER CENTER

WHAT IS A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY?

A charitable gift annuity is a simple contract between the donor and the University of Rochester's Wilmot Cancer Center.

In exchange for an irrevocable gift of cash or marketable securities valued at \$5,000 or more, the University of Rochester agrees to pay one or two annuitants a fixed sum each year for life. In many cases, part of each payment is tax-free for a period of years, increasing each payment's after-tax value. Payments are made quarterly.

The donor qualifies for a federal income tax deduction in an amount equal to the projected charitable remainder value. The donor or another designated annuitant will receive fixed and guaranteed payments in quarterly installments each year for life. In addition, a portion of each year's payments may be tax-free for a period of years.

WHAT ASSET IS THE MOST COMMONLY USED TO FUND A GIFT ANNUITY?

Appreciated stock that pays minimal or no dividend is most commonly used to fund an annuity. Spendable income increases and the donor owes no capital gains tax at the time of the gift. Rather, a portion of the annual payments from the gift annuity will be taxed as capital gain for a period of years. If the donor were to sell and reinvest this property, tax would be owed for the year of sale on the entire capital gain.

An increasing number of donors are funding annuities with cash as their CDs mature.

HOW LONG WILL THE CURRENT RATES BE AVAILABLE?

The American Council on Gift Annuities establishes annuity rates. Rates are set based on a number of factors, including general economic conditions. The rates last changed on July 1, 2001. Given the decline in interest rates since

then, the Council reduced annuity rates for younger donors effective July 1, 2002. However, the University will continue to offer the current generous rates for older donors until the Council recommends otherwise. A sampling of annuity rates for respective ages appears below.

HOW DO CHARITABLE ANNUITIES BENEFIT THE JAMES P. WILMOT CANCER CENTER?

Upon the passing of the surviving annuitant, the gift becomes available to the Wilmot Cancer Center to be used as directed by the donor. Charitable annuities help to ensure excellence in future health care while providing immediate tax benefits to the donor.

AGE OF ANNUITANT(S)

60	6.4%
65	6.7%
70	7.2%
75	7.9%
80	8.9%
85	10%

AGES OF JOINT ANNUITANTS (Spouses or Siblings)

60, 60	6.1%
65, 65	6.3%
70, 70	6.6%
75, 75	7%
80, 80	7.7%
85, 85	8.7%

CURRENT ANNUITY RATE

CURRENT ANNUITY RATE

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

If you are interested in making a gift annuity, please contact Jack Kreckel at (585) 273-5904 or 1-800-635-4672, or by e-mail at: kreckel@alumni.rochester.edu.

Notes

Richard I. Fisher, M.D., director of the Wilmot Cancer Center, presented a talk entitled "Advances in Blood Cancer Research" to a Congressional Briefing on Capital Hill. He also chaired the National Cancer Institute Committee reviewing the lymphoma SPORE awards.

Dawn Ange, R.N., Sheri Guarino, R.N., Shirley Parks, R.N. and Joyce Rampello, R.N., recently completed advanced cardiac life support certification.

Edward Messing, M.D., urology chair, has been named principal investigator and study chairman of the largest-ever bladder cancer preventative study, "The Use of Difluoromethyl Ornithine in Low Grade Superficial Bladder Cancer." He also addressed the plenary session of the Society of Urologic Oncology in May on the timing of hormonal therapy for prostate cancer. And, he was a panelist at the American Urological Association annual meeting discussing bladder cancer. Lastly, he and fourth-year urology resident, **Ali Borhan, M.D.**, delivered a presentation on "Grade Progression and Regression in Recurrent Urothelial Cancer: Does the Grade of the Initial Urothelial Cancer Predict that of Future Recurrences?"

Messing has also been invited to participate in prostate cancer hormonal treatment metanalysis meetings in Amsterdam in July and in Oxford, England, in September and the second Superficial Bladder Cancer Advisory Board Meeting this September in Rome, Italy.

Several faculty members made presentations at the American Society of Clinical Oncology conference in May. **John Bennett, M.D.**, presented on "Cancer Care in the Older Population" and provided recommendations for Training of Oncologists in Geriatrics.

Gary Morrow, Ph.D., professor of radiation oncology and psychiatry, addressed gender and expectancy differences in the efficacy of acupuncture and wrist-bands for control of nausea and vomiting. **Kishan Pandya, M.D.**, director of clinical trials, spoke on "Pilot Study Using Gabapentin for the Treatment of Hot Flashes in Women with Breast Cancer."

And **Yuhchayau Chen, M.D.**, associate professor of radiation oncology, presented a poster entitled "Pharmacokinetics of Low-Dose Paclitaxel: Toxicity of Phase I Study and

Implication for Radiosensitization in Thoracic Region I Vivo."

Hematology-oncology fellow **Purvi Shah, M.D.**, was selected to attend the Orthobiotech and Hope Foundation Young Investigators Training Course in March. The program was designed to develop the specific skills needed to prepare and conduct cancer clinical trials.

Nicholas Cohen, Ph.D., professor of microbiology and immunology, psychiatry, and oncology, was a Boroughs Wellcome Fund Visiting Professor in the Microbiological Sciences at Florida International University in March. In addition to meeting with faculty and students, he delivered four lectures, including one on the generation of anti-tumor immunity by tumor-derived heat shock proteins.

Yan Yu, Ph.D., associate professor of radiation oncology, delivered a lecture on quality management of permanent prostate brachytherapy at the American Brachytherapy Society School of Physics, May 24-26, in Orlando, Fla.

Michael Schell, Ph.D., director of medical physics for radiation oncology, was an invited lecturer at the Florida Chapter of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine meeting March 15 in Orlando, Fla., and presented work on extra-cranial radiosurgery with the Novalis system. He was also elected to the board of the American College of Medical Physics.

Yuhchayau Chen, M.D., associate professor of radiation oncology, was selected to be an oral examiner in the American Board of Radiology's category of lung and soft tissue sarcoma in June.

Peter T. Rowley, M.D., professor of medicine, pediatrics, genetics, and oncology, made a presentation entitled, "Short Double-Stranded RNA Inhibits Telomerase in Cancer Cells" at the Keystone Conference on RNA Interference, Cosuppression, and Related Phenomena in February and at the American Association for Cancer Research in April. He also lectured on "Genetics of Breast Cancer" at the 2002 Virgin Islands Conference on Clinical Genetics on St. Croix on April 16 and on St. Thomas on April 17.



The 2002 Discovery Ball set a fund-raising record for the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center, with sponsorships totalling \$375,000. Nearly 1,000 people attended the gala event.

Caroline Ryan, who will co-chair the 2003 Discovery Ball, enjoys a laugh with Michael Goonan, Medical Center chief financial officer.



Save the Date

4th Annual
Discovery Ball
May 3, 2003

University of Rochester
Medical Center
James P. Wilmot Cancer Center
601 Elmwood Avenue, Box 704
Rochester, NY 14642

Dialogue

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage

PAID

Permit No. 780
Rochester, NY