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Each year Dr. Scott A. Gruber, the Chief of Staff at the Veterans Administration Hospital, moderates a WSU Alumni Day and Research Symposium. This is the tenth year that Dr. Gruber has led this effort. The symposium occurred on Wednesday, April 6th, beginning early in the morning and lasting until the midafternoon. Many of the WSU attending surgeons and residents presented interesting papers at this symposium.

Dr. Donald Weaver (WSUGS 1979), our Professor and Chairman, moderated the first session on Clinical Research.

During this session, Dr. Christina Busuito presented, “Comparison of Pre- and Post-Operative Sweep Studies in Patients Undergoing Sphincter Pharyngoplasty.” This was sponsored by Dr. Arlene Rozzelle in the Division of Plastic Surgery.

Dr. Asra Hashmi presented a paper, “The Effect of Preoperative Molding Helmet in Patients with Sagittal Synostosis - Follows Up Study.” This was also sponsored by Dr. Arlene Rozzelle.

Dr. Chady Haurani presented a paper, “Operative Mortality after Colorectal Resection in the Veterans Affairs Patient Population.” This was sponsored by Dr. Gamal Mostafa, the Chief of Surgery at the Detroit VAMC.

Dr. Chady Haurani also presented a paper, “Outcomes of Rives-Stoppa Hernia Repair in the Veterans Affairs Patient Population.” This again was also sponsored by Dr. Gamal Mostafa.

Dr. Aftab Jafri (WSUGS 2018) presented a paper, “Robotic Herniorrhaphy: Experience from a Single Center.” This paper was sponsored by Dr. David Edelman (WSU/GS 2002/09).

Dr. Steven Tenenbergen presented a paper, “Calcium Administration Is Associated with Adverse Outcomes in Critically Ill Patients Receiving Parenteral Nutrition: Results from a Natural Experiment Created by a Calcium Gluconate Shortage.” This was co-authored by Dr. Bryan Dotson in the Division of Pharmacology.
Dr. Jeremy Ciullo (WSUGS 2016) presented a paper, “Incidence of Infection in Trauma Patients After Intraabdominal Vascular Surgery.” This was sponsored by Dr. James Tyburski (WSUGS 1992).

Dr. Faraz Khan (WSUGS 2016) presented a paper, “Variability of the F-Cell Ratio After Treatment of Traumatic Hemorrhagic Shock.” This was sponsored by Dr. Charles Lucas (WSU/GS 1962/67).

The second session on Translational/Basic Research was moderated by Dr. Scott Gruber.

Dr. Armanda Jurgelewicz presented a paper, “Biomarkers for Rapid Detection of Pseudomonas Aeruginosa in Eye Infections.” This was co-authored by Drs. Michelle Brusatori, Dr. Sally Yurgelevic, Dr. Ronald Barret, Dr. Sharon McClellan, and Dr. Linda Hazlett.

Dr. Cecilia Speyer presented a paper, “Riluzole: A Nontoxic Treatment for Breast Cancer.” This was co-authored by Dr. Mahdy Nassar, Dr. Ali Hachem, Dr. Miriam Bukhsh, Dr. Waris Jafry, and Dr. Rafa Khansa.

Dr. Oksana Gruzdyn presented a paper, “Pancreatic Cancer-Induced Microenvironment Inhibits Dendritic Cell Activation via Decreased Nuclear Localization of NF-B.” This paper was sponsored by Dr. Scott Gruber.

Dr. Oksana Gruzdyn also presented a paper, “Efficient Lysis of Pancreatic Cancer Cells by MAGE-A3-Induced Cytotoxic T Lymphocytes Using Cell-Penetrating Peptides.” This was also sponsored by Dr. Scott Gruber.

Dr. Samantha Tarras (WSUGS 2011) presented a paper, “Acid Suppressive Therapy and C. difficile Infection: Beyond Gastric pH Effects.” This was co-authored by Dr. Larry Diebel and Mr. David Liberati.

Dr. Larry Diebel (WSU/GS 1980/86) presented a paper, “Early Tranexamic Acid Administration Ameliorates the Endotheliopathy of Trauma and Shock.” This was co-authored by Mr. David Liberati.

Mr. David Liberati presented a paper, “Gender Dimorphism in Adipose Tissue Response to Stress Conditions: A Plausible Mechanism to Explain the Conflicting Data Regarding Trauma and Obesity.” This was sponsored by Dr. Larry Diebel.

Following this exciting scientific morning, Dr. Fred Luchette, Professor of Surgery at the Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine and Chief of Surgical Services at the Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital in Hines, Illinois, presented a stimulating lecture, “The Effect of Aging on the Surgical Patient.” This excellent presentation followed the luncheon.

Following this very stimulating symposium, the judges awarded the winner to be: 1st Place - Dr. Oksana Gruzdyn; 2nd Place - Dr. Samantha Tarras, and 3rd Place - Dr. Christina Busuito.
The program turned out to be quite exciting and dealt with some very basic surgical and clinical physiology.

Each year, prior to this annual symposium, there is a reception for the visiting Annual Scott Woods Lecturer. This year’s Scott Woods Lecturer, Dr. Fred Luchette, enjoyed meeting with many of his old and newfound friends. This reception took place on Tuesday, April 5, at the Gem Theater. A good time was had by all.
The year was 1978. This was Friday, the first week of April. Drs. Lucas and Ledgerwood were sure to have all of their work completed so they could walk over from the old Detroit General Hospital to the Old Shillelagh in Greektown. Clearly, they did not want to miss their Guinness beer and the wonderful hamburgers prepared by John Brady. As was typical on these Friday evening sessions, some of the residents would show up about 6 o’clock and regale L&L about the activities that they had experienced in the past week. This Friday night was unusual in that John Kosinski (WSUGS 1982) and Clark Newhall (WSUGS through 1981), with their loved ones, came to the Old Shillelagh and regaled the assembled with the details of the Tigers’ opening day game. After paying for the beer, chips, pretzels, and burgers, L&L headed back to the hospital. On the way Dr. Ledgerwood commented, “There is something wrong with this picture,” and Dr. Lucas responded, “I agree.” Neither of the two had ever been to an opening day game. Furthermore, neither of the two felt that they could afford the tickets. Both L&L earned less than $40,000 a year and had many other obligations. Dr. Lucas’ total University salary that year was less than $38,000; Dr. Ledgerwood made slightly more because she was hired after Dr. Lucas and had a slightly higher starting rate.

Things obviously have changed! The year is 2016 on Friday, April 8, and L&L attended the Tiger’s opening Day game just as they have done at every opening day game since the new stadium opened. Because this was a privilege to be fully enjoyed, they bundled up securely and forced themselves to sit through the cold
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nine innings as exemplifying a reward for their hard work. Meanwhile, John Kosinski and Clark Newhall retired from the ravages of seven-days-a-week hard work and sat in their warm homes in front of their wide-screen TVs enjoying their favorite cocktail. Following the game, L&L went to their favorite ristorante, Giovanni’s, and enjoyed the Italian cuisine and wine. During the discussion about the inclement weather at Comerica Park, Dr. Ledgerwood commented, "There’s something wrong with this picture.” Lucas replied, “I agree.” Life is humorous!

27th ANNUAL ALEXANDER J. WALT LECTURESHIP - 2016

The 27th Annual Alexander J. Walt Endowed Lecture will take place on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, and will be held in the Kresge Auditorium, Second Floor, Harper University Hospital, at 8 a.m. This year’s honorary guest Walt Lecturer is Paul J. Schenarts, MD, FACS, Professor of Surgery, Vice-Chair for Academic Affairs, Chief of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care & Emergency General Surgery at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. He will be presenting on “The Good, Bad and The Ugly: The Impact of Cell Phones on Medical Education.”

REPORTS FROM THE OUTFIELD, cont..

On Saturday, April 30, 2016, Dr. Selwan Barbat (WSUGS 2018) and his fiancé, Ms. Vallen Dikho were wed at St. Thomas Catholic Church in West Bloomfield, and the reception was held at the Shenandoah Country Club. Dr. Barbat and his bride will be honeymooning in the Greek islands, Mykonos and Santorin, and Rome. Congratulations can be sent to the newlyweds at sbarbat@med.wayne.edu.
The 136th annual meeting of the American Surgical Association (ASA) took place at the Swissotel in Chicago on April 14-16, 2016. The ASA is the most prestigious surgical association in the world and always has an outstanding scientific program.
March 21, 2016

Dear WSSS Alumni and Friends:

The WSSS continues to thrive, offering support to our members and the current general surgery residents at WSU. As your president, I would like to summarize events of the last year, the status of the Society, and this year’s calendar of events.

The annual meeting of the WSSS is always on the Tuesday night of the ACS week. Last year the cocktail reception and dinner, hosted by Chairman Donald Weaver, was attended by 62 members and guests. Remember, the dinner is free for members and the residents attend as guests of the WSSS. I was very proud of the accomplishments and future plans of our chiefs, who automatically are members of the Society, dues-free for two years.

The Annual Lectureship of the WSSS is always on the Wednesday before the Detroit Trauma Symposium (DTS). Last year the guest lecturer was Dr. Ronald Maier, Professor of Surgery at the University of Washington. A lively Morbidity and Mortality Conference preceded the Lecture. I attended the DTS for the third straight year and continue to be amazed by what my fellow chief resident, Dr. Larry Diebel, is able to accomplish. There is truly something for everyone, from lectures by world famous surgeons including WSU professors, sunrise hands-on sessions (didn’t make those, too much gambling, but I heard rave reviews from attendees), panel discussions, and grilling of chief residents in the Detroit area by Dr. Lucas. The residents are more talented every year!

The January-March Michael and Marian Ilitch Department of Surgery newsletter lists 117 members of the WSSS, including 54 Charter Life Members who have or will donate $10,000 to the Society, tax deductible! I am proud to tell you that we have over $200,000 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, some lucky resident may become your partner!

This year the WSSS meeting will be on Tuesday, October 18, at the Renaissance in Washington DC. If you haven't been to an ACS meeting recently, this is the time to go; the meeting is always awesome, the WSSS cocktail reception and dinner will be awesome, and it is three weeks before a presidential election in our nation's Capitol!

This year the guest lecturer of the WSSS will be Dr. Raul S. Coimbra, MD, PhD, FACS. Dr. Coimbra is Surgeon-in-Chief at the University of California San Diego School of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Burns, and Acute Care Surgery. He will be presenting on, “The Brain-Gut-Lung Axis: Uncovering Multiple Organ Failure after Trauma.” Besides being world famous with over 470 publications, I am told by my partner, who considers him his mentor, that he is a nice guy and a great surgeon.

The WSSS dinner will be held Tuesday, November 8th at Giovanni’s Ristorantè. Dr. Coimbra will be the honored guest, but the price is steep; he must answer truthfully all questions posed. The WSSS Lecture will be on Wednesday morning, November 9th and your new President, Dr. Brian Shapiro, will introduce Dr. Coimbra. Make plans to attend and stay for the DTS the next two days.

Serving as your President the last two years has completed my surgical educational journey. Whatever happens in the future is just gravy. The WSU Department of Surgery and the WSSS is responsible for a large part of my modest success as a surgeon and I intend to support both, to the best of my ability, until the day I die.

Sincerely,

Randall W. Smith, MD, FACS
President, Wayne State Surgical Society
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*I want to commit to becoming a charter life member with payment of $1000 per year for the next ten (10) years.

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Alexander J. Walt Lecture**
Kresge Auditorium, Detroit, MI
May 11, 2016

**Michigan Chapter of the ACS**
Mackinac Island, Michigan
May 18-20, 2016

**Midwest Surgical Association**
Mackinac Island, Michigan
August 7-10, 2016

**AAST 75th Annual Meeting**
Waikoloa, Hawaii
September 14-17, 2016

Please Update Your Information

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

2016

Death & Complications Conference
Every Wednesday from 7-8

Didactic Lectures—8 am
Margherio Conference Center

Wednesday, May 4
Death & Complications Conference

“GIST”

Mona Taleb, MD, Chief Resident
Mike & Marian Ilitch WSU Department of Surgery

Wednesday, May 11
Death & Complications Conference

ALEXANDER J. WALT LECTURESHIP:

“THE GOOD, BAD, & THE UGLY: THE IMPACT OF CELL PHONES ON MEDICAL EDUCATION”

Paul. J. Schenarts, MD
Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Emergency General Surgery
University of Nebraska College of Medicine

Wednesday, May 18
Death & Complications Conference

“Overview of Management & Diagnosis of Vascular Diseases”

Majid Aized, MD, Chief Resident
“Mike & Marian Ilitch WSU Department of Surgery

Wednesday, May 24

“My Most Memorable Case”

WSU Graduating Surgical Residents
Majid Aized, Jeremy Ciullo, Jose Fernandez, Faraz Khan, Alicia Olson, Mona Taleb
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.


Wayne State Surgical Society

The Wayne State Surgical Society (WSSS) was established during the tenure of Dr. 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. Mark A. Herman (WSU/GS/1994/2001) passed the baton of presidency to Dr. Randall W. Smith (WSU/GS 1981/86) at the WSSS Gathering during the American College of Surgeons meeting in October 2014. Members of the WSSS are listed on the next page. Dr. Smith hopes that all former residents will become lifetime members of the WSSS and participate in the annual sponsored lectureship and the annual reunion at the American College of Surgeons meeting.
Members of the Wayne State Surgical Society
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Operation-A-Year
January 1—December 31, 2016

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

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