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Golden Tigers of the Class of '61



Alumni of the Year 2010

Standing with their families are recipients of the Alumni of the Year for 2010, Lee J. Monlezun ('69), *left (center of back row)* and James J. Leonard ('63), *above (center)*.

A Message from the Dean



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We have heard much lately about “leadership” and the critical importance of strong leaders during times of crisis. As we are all painfully aware Louisiana has been challenged by more than its fair share of crises during the past few years. And fortunately we have benefitted from the strong leadership that both our elected officials and citizens have shown during these most difficult of times. When a devastating hurricane lands on our shores or an environmental disaster threatens our very livelihood and way of life these events are readily identifiable as a crisis that demand immediate action from our elected officials. However, there is another crisis that is facing our state. The time has come to address the crisis that now threatens medical education in Louisiana. Our city was once recognized as a center of excellence for medical education and training. This reputation and recognition was built upon the foundation of a world-class hospital. We now have an extraordinary opportunity to reinvent ourselves and once again become a leader in medical education and innovative patient care. My primary responsibility as Dean of the School of Medicine is to provide compassionate and skilled physicians for Louisiana. In point of fact, LSU provides the overwhelming majority of physicians for our state. Our students are exceptional and are aggressively recruited by our neighboring states and across the country. If a state-of-the-art academic hospital is not in our future, our students will decide in increasing numbers to continue their training outside of Louisiana. It is time for our community and elected officials to stand up and support the construction of the new academic medical center.

Sincerely,

Steve Nelson, MD
Dean, School of Medicine
LSU Health Sciences Center
New Orleans

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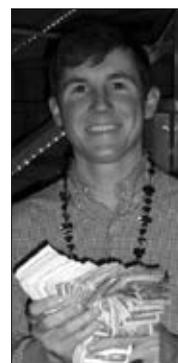
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Jackie Clarkson
chosen Honorary
Alumna*

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for the
The Rrrroaring '20s*

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Committee of 100 banquet

The LSU School of Medicine Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence is comprised of over 700 individuals who have committed to financially support the LSU School of Medicine through Professorships and Chairs. On June 9, 2011, the group celebrated its success in raising over \$50 Million in endowments as well as the 80th Anniversary of the LSU School of Medicine, established in 1931 by Governor Huey P. Long.

The evening's event recognized new members of the Committee, including Patricia and Thomas Paulsen from California. After a dinner of shrimp bisque and beef filet, **Russell Klein ('59)**, author of *A History of LSU School of Medicine - New Orleans*, covered highlights of the School's rich and colorful history



Left to right: **Fred Rodriguez, Jr. ('75)**, Representative of the Committee of 100, and **Charles "Chuck" Schibler II ('92)**, President of the LSU Medical Alumni Association, pose with **Patricia I. Paulsen ('82)** and **Thomas Paulsen** as they display their plaque in recognition of becoming Life Members of the Committee of 100.

In attendance were **Bernard Samuels ('57)**, one of the founders of the Committee of 100, and his wife, Jeannine; **Larry Hollier ('68)**, Chancellor of the Health Sciences Center, and wife, Diana; **Lee J. Monlezun ('69)**, Co-Alumnus of the Year, with wife, Anne; **James Leonard ('63)**, Co-Alumnus of the Year, with wife, Joyce; **Fred Rodriguez ('75)**, President of the Committee of 100 Steering Committee; **Charles Schibler II ('92)**, Past President of the Alumni Association, with wife, Beth; **Bobby Brousse ('86)** and wife, Linda; **Cathi Fontenot ('84)**, Associate Dean for Alumni Affairs and Mistress of Ceremonies for the event, and husband, Frank Modica; Dr. Harvey Gabert and wife, Ave Maria; **George Lyons ('54)** and wife, Betty; Dr. Robert Marier and wife, Joanne; **Janine Parker ('86)** with husband, Mike; **Earl Rozas ('64)** and wife, Beth; **Mack Thomas ('62)** and wife, Victoria; **Charles "Bo" Sanders ('64)** and wife, Julia; **Jack Strong ('51)** and wife, Mihoko; and **Jeff Sketchler ('86)** and wife, Shelly.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF 100 AND THE 500 CLUB



New Life Members Committee of 100

David D. Alfery ('76)
Patricia Ingraham Paulsen ('82)
and Thomas C. Paulsen, MD

New Regular Members Committee of 100

Gregory F. Dobard ('91)
James S. Dugal ('58)
Edison J. Foret ('01)
Sander J. Gothard ('95)
Christopher P. Grenier ('87)
Ludwig C. Heintz ('80)
P. David Kearns ('79)
Richard A. Keller ('86) and
Judy Keller
Henry M. Peltier ('90)
Jay R. Silverstein ('01)
Jeffrey J. Sketchler ('86)
Renick P. Webb (83)
William J. Woessner ('72)

New 500 Club Members

Keith P. Samuels ('89)
Penny G. Viator ('84)



A sixty-year reunion at the Committee of 100 banquet, and still going strong (left to right): **Mihoko Strong**, **Charles H. Turner ('51)**, **Suzanne Turner**, and **Jack Perry Strong ('51)**

At the Committee of 100 Banquet...



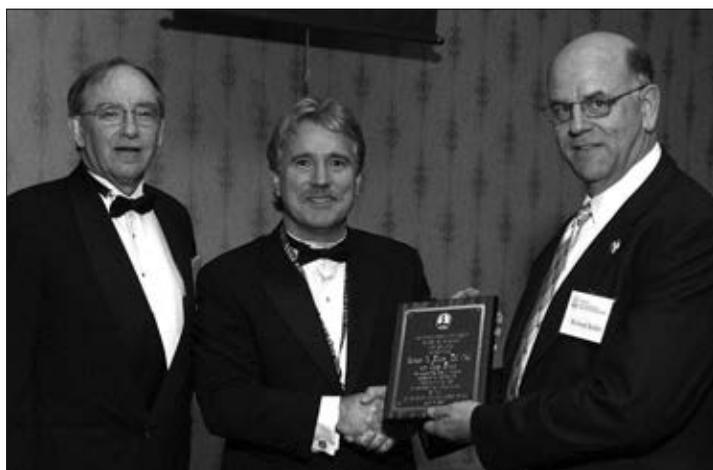
Jeffery J. Sketchler ('86) (right) is presented his plaque for joining the Committee of 100, showing his support of quality medical education. Looking on are Fred Rodriguez, Jr. ('75) (left), Representative of the Committee of 100, and Charles "Chuck" Schibler II ('92) (center), President of the LSU Medical Alumni Association.



Charles V. "Bo" Sanders ('64) (left) shares a moment with Cindy Woessner and new Committee of 100 member William J. Woessner ('72).



Scott Habetz ('00) and Julie Habetz



Left to right: Fred Rodriguez, Jr. ('75), Charles "Chuck" Schibler II ('92), and new Committee of 100 member Richard Keller ('86)



Left to right: Fred Rodriguez, Jr. ('75), Charles "Chuck" Schibler II ('92), and new Committee of 100 member Jay Silverstein ('01)



Left to right: Fred Rodriguez, Jr. ('75), Charles "Chuck" Schibler II ('92), and new Committee of 100 member Gregory Dobard ('91)

REUNION WEEKEND 2011

Over 500 alumni and guests from the classes of 1946, 1951, 1955, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, and 2001 returned to the school of medicine for the 2011 reunions on June 11. Led by the Golden Tigers of the Class of 1961, they spent a weekend in New Orleans attending social events and sharing old times. A golf tournament presided over by **John McLachlan ('62)** and **Mack Thomas ('62)** and began the festivities on Friday, June 10.

The day concluded with a cocktail reception at the Hilton Riverside for all reunion alumni and guests. The Hilton was the site the following day for the Scientific Session which conferred CME credit to its attendees and featured speakers such as **Chancellor Larry Hollier ('68)** who updated the group on the State of the Health Science Center and **Richard Lauve ('79)**, who spoke about "Healthcare Reform and Its Impact on the Future of Medicine."

At the midmorning business meeting, **Lee Domangue ('76)** was named President of the Alumni Association for 2011, **Charles Thomas ('93)** was named President-elect, and **James Brown ('92)** was named Vice-President.



Honorary Alumna of the Year, the Honorable Jackie Clarkson (with bouquet), poses with her family at the Scientific Session.

James J. Leonard ('63) and **Lee J. Monlezun ('69)** were recognized as Alumni of the Year for their outstanding contributions to the School of Medicine. The Honorable Jackie Clarkson was named Honorary Alumna of the LSU School of Medicine for her stalwart support of the School and for advocating passionately for women's healthcare initiatives.

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR



James J. Leonard ('63)



Lee J. Monlezun ('69)



Scientific Session in progress

REUNION WEEKEND 2011

At the Cocktail Party...



Left to right: Debra Sommers, Howard Sommers ('71), Bruce Gordon ('71), Taylor Robinson ('71), and Bob Barnes ('71)



Left to right: Maureen Hewitt ('01), Sam Foster ('01), and Michael Wang ('01)



left to right: Rick Keppel ('81), Ro Risa Reina ('81), and Vernon Carriere ('81)



left to right: Jim Stanford ('61), Alma Weilbaecher, David Weilbaecher ('61), Will Johnson ('61), and Sherry Johnson



Reminiscing at the cocktail party are, left to right: Corey Rene Amos, Louise Gombako-Amos ('01), Gerald Falchok ('01), Carolyn Shulman, Rosmi Foster



PHOTO, LEFT Golden Tigers include (left to right): Ken Veca ('61), Dewitt Bolton ('61), and Jesse Roberts ('61).

PHOTO, RIGHT
left to right: Timothy Trainor ('86), Drew Daigle ('86), David Moreland ('86), Steven Lantier ('86), and Lisa Lantier



REUNION WEEKEND 2011



PHOTO, LEFT

Left to right: Marie Vidrine, Macy Vidrine ('01), Kellie Schmeeckle ('01), Zee Ali ('01), and Jairo Santanilla ('01)



left to right: Tammy Lockett-Benjamin ('96), Cara Sturgeon, and John Sturgeon ('96)



PHOTO, LEFT

left to right: Jesse Hano ('61), William "Al" Martin ('61), Hugh King ('61), and Dianne King



left to right: Scott Dillon, Peggy Battalora ('86), Sandra Stine-Dillon ('86), Paul Konovodoff, Lori Palazzo ('86), and Kyle Bryan ('86)



Left to right: Johnny Boudreaux ('86), Scott Lanoux ('86), and Sharon Lanoux



Left to right: Claudia Rholdon, Roger Rholdon ('76), and John Fraiche ('76)



left to right: Joseph Barreca ('56), Shirley Barreca, Donald Crochet ('56), Mary Gremillion, and Alton Mark Parker ('56)

REUNION WEEKEND 2011



PHOTO, LEFT
Alsan Bellard ('96)
 and *Missy Binder Adams ('96)*



The Class of '56 gather at the Cocktail Party.

PHOTO, RIGHT
Denise Goodfellow Kerut ('91)
 and *Ken Kerut, MD*



Left to right: Tim Sorrels ('66), Ed Domingue ('66), Rex Applewhite ('66), Pete Blanchard ('66), Fletcher Sutton ('66), and Louis Montelaro ('66)



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Left to right: Chris Blunck, Carl Blunck ('81), Renee Schuller, Hans Schuller ('81), Debbie Pinac, and Pete Pinac ('81)

Class of '46



Left to right: Robert Young, Glynn Cox, and David Aiken



Class of '51



Class of '55



Class of '56



Class of '66



Class of '71





Class of '86



Class of '91



Class of '96



Class of '01

The Future of LSU Faculty Group Services

On or about October 10, 2011, clinical services provided by the Faculty Group Practice (the LSU Healthcare Network) that are currently offered at an office on Napoleon Avenue, will relocate to a newly renovated office building at 3700 St Charles Avenue. Primary care as well as multiple specialties will be represented at this location, including family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, endocrinology, pulmonary, and cardiology. Specialty services will include orthopedics, vascular surgery, oral surgery, urology, neurology, and ophthalmology.

These represent clinical services that are provided directly by the faculty of the School of Medicine. Soon after opening for services, this location will also be ready to provide radiology and laboratory support for patients seen at this location. For additional information on how to refer to this practice or make an appointment, feel free to visit our website at LSUHN.com.



The new location for the LSU Faculty Group Services, at 3700 St. Charles Avenue.

Faculty News

William T. Cefalu ('79), Professor and Chief of the Section of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism, has been appointed as the Editor-in-Chief of *Diabetes Care*, the American Diabetes Association's premier peer-reviewed journal dedicated to diabetes care, prevention, and treatment. Dr. Cefalu will serve a three-year term, for the 2012 to 2014 volume years, with an optional two-year extension. He is a past associate editor for *Professor Diabetes Care* and is currently an Associate Editor for *Diabetes*. *Diabetes Care* is the highest-ranked journal devoted exclusively to diabetes prevention and treatment.

Jack C. Winters ('88), the H. Eustis Reily Professor and Chairman of Urology, was elected Trustee of the American Board of Urology for a six-year term. In addition to service on numerous national committees, including the American Urological Association Health Policy Council as well as the Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee, Dr Winters serves as Fellowship Director of the LSU Fellowship Program in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery, which provides multidisciplinary training to urologists and gynecologists choosing to specialize in this field.

Kim Edward LeBlanc, MD, PhD, was chosen by the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians 2011 Family Physician of the Year. This award recognizes Dr. LeBlanc's years of service to his patients, his dedication to Family Medicine and his contributions to developing and improving the profession for future physicians and patients. Dr. LeBlanc is the Marie Lahasky Professor and Head of the Department of Family Medicine at LSUHSC School of Medicine - New Orleans. He is also the Director of Rural Education for the School of Medicine, overseeing the Rural Scholars Track, and a Professor in the Department of Orthopedics.

White Coat Ceremony

In July, 191 second-year medical students at LSU New Orleans received their white coats, a symbol of the “rite of passage” from basic science training to



Cathi Fontenot ('84)

clinical experience. The students were “coated” by faculty members chosen by the class for their commitment to medical education and their students. The cloaking with the white coat — the mantle of the medical profession — underscores the commitment of the medical students to develop a patient centered approach to the remainder of their education and their careers.

Cathi Fontenot ('84), Associate Dean for Alumni Affairs at the School of Medicine, gave the keynote address. She was

the students' nominee for the 2011 Humanism in Medicine Award, recognized by the American Association of Medical Colleges. In her address, she encouraged students to practice her five habits of highly effective doctors:

1. Listen to your patients. The majority of patients will guide you to their diagnosis if you pay attention.
2. Look at your patient when you talk to them. This may sound silly but in this world of advanced technology, computers, iPads, and Smart Phones can come between you and your patient.
3. Ask the patient at every encounter if they have questions about what they've been told. Many patients are intimidated by medical jargon and nod knowingly even when they have no clue what you've just said.
4. Don't call the patient “a great case.” That usually means they have

something awful or no one knows what the diagnosis is.

5. Remember that every patient has a life that includes much more than his or her health, good or bad. Dysfunctional families, financial difficulties, sick or disabled children, and the general stresses of life abound, whether you are caring for a patient who is homeless or a patient who is a successful businessman accustomed to a 3-martini lunch.

Perhaps these can be summarized in the words of the ancient Jewish physician, Moses Maimonides, “The physician should not treat the disease but the patient who is suffering from it.”



Dr. Robin English coats Jolisha Eubanks.

LSUHSC medical students work at City Park

About 200 first-year LSUHSC medical students worked in the mid-August scorching heat on a variety of activities to improve City Park. Just in time for football season, the medical students worked to get Tad Gormley Stadium in shape for Friday night high school matches. The students scraped down and cleaned miles of railings before giving them a fresh coat of glossy black paint.

On the other side of the park, the students attacked weeds and cut back leggy plants in the New Orleans Botanical Garden. After preparing the beds, they planted bedding plants, filling the flowerbeds with explosions of color.

The LSUHSC School of Medicine Class of 2015 Service Project was one of two major annual projects these first-year students undertake to give back to the community. Participation was high even though their classes didn't start until the following week.

New Leadership Appointments

A number of new leadership appointments were made in the summer of 2011. Below are the new appointees.

Robert C. Batson ('71)

Head, Department of Surgery, and the Isidore Cohn Chair of Surgery.

Dr. Batson is a graduate of LSU in Baton Rouge, LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans (AOA), and LSU New Orleans Surgery Residency Program. He undertook vascular surgery training at Baylor University. He has been active on our faculty since 1975, returning to full-time professorial status in 2007.

Mary Thoesen Coleman, MD, PhD

Director of Community Health Clinics, and Professor in the Department of Family Medicine

As Director of Community Health Clinics, a Dean's Office position, Dr. Coleman will work on the development of a LSU network of primary care health clinics; this network of clinics, conforming to the "medical home" model or "accountable care organization" paradigm, will be developed to enhance our educational programs and outcomes research. She will also be involved in our educational efforts in rural medicine, in curriculum development, and in mentoring initiatives.

Dr. Coleman completed her doctoral work in physiological chemistry and medicine at Ohio State University. After several years in community practice she returned to full time academic medicine, serving on the faculties of both Ohio State University and University of Louisville, where she was Associate Dean for Curriculum. She recently served as Dean at Ross University School of Medicine.

Frank W. Smart ('85)

Head, Section of Cardiology, and Professor of Medicine

Dr. Smart, an internationally recognized expert in heart failure, will also serve as the Director of the Cardiovascular Center of Excellence. Dr. Smart is a LSU medical graduate; he completed his training at Ochsner Foundation and Baylor College of Medicine. He has served on the faculties of LSU New Orleans, Tulane, Baylor and Mount Sinai (New York). Since 2007 Dr. Smart has been the Dorothy and Lloyd Huck Chair of the Department of Cardiovascular Medicine Gagnon Atlantic Health in northern New Jersey.

Jayne S. Weiss, MD

Head, Department Ophthalmology, and the Herbert Kaufmann Chair in Ophthalmology.

A graduate of SUNY Buffalo and Mount Sinai Medical Center (AOA), she trained at the prestigious Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami. She also completed fellowships at Harvard and Emory. Most recently she has held the post of Professor at Wayne State University, Department of Ophthalmology, and Director of Ophthalmic Pathology; she previously held a faculty appointment at the University of Massachusetts.

Amy E. Young, MD

Head, Department Obstetrics and Gynecology, and the Abe Mickal Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology

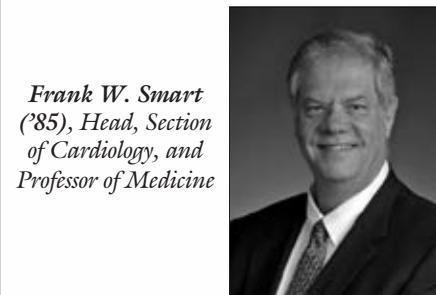
Dr. Young, who is President Elect of the Association of Professors of Obstetrics and Gynecology, is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. She trained at Emory and Baylor College of Medicine. Most recently she held the Henry and Emma Meyer Endowed Chair for Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology and served as the Executive Vice Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Baylor and also the Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Harris County Hospital District.

Meet the new leaders...

Robert C. Batson ('71), Head, Department of Surgery, and the Isidore Cohn Chair of Surgery.



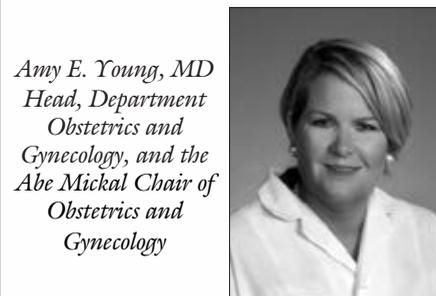
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Amy E. Young, MD Head, Department Obstetrics and Gynecology, and the Abe Mickal Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Match Day

One hundred four of 178 LSUHSC graduating medical students participating in the National Resident Match Program chose to remain in Louisiana to complete their medical training. That's about 60% of the class, the same as last year. The LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans residency programs also did very well accepting 132 new residents who will begin their programs next summer.

"I believe that the high number of LSU graduates choosing to remain in Louisiana again this year and those who chose LSU residency programs is a testament to the quality of both the undergraduate and graduate medical education programs here at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans," said **Larry Hollier (68)**, Chancellor of LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans. "We're gratified by their confidence in us and our programs."

LSUHSC New Orleans based primary care residency programs all filled in the Match and Scramble. The percentage of LSUHSC medical graduates going into primary care is 44%

this year. Primary Care specialties included are Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Medicine-Preliminary, Obstetrics-Gynecology, Pediatrics, and Medicine-Pediatrics. OB-GYN is not always included in primary care data; however, in some Louisiana communities the only physician is an OB-GYN.

"Our very successful Rural Physicians Program is addressing the need for greater numbers of primary care physicians for our state," notes Dr. Nelson.

"This year about 60% of our students again chose to remain in Louisiana for their postgraduate medical education and training," said Dr. Steve Nelson, Dean of the School of Medicine at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans. "And we are again pleased to provide the majority of new physicians for our state. We are delighted to keep so many of our own graduates here at home while also attracting quality residents from other schools."



left to right: *Matt Neumann (L3), Dianne Neumann ('84), Julie Neumann ('11) and Ed Neumann ('84)*



left to right: *Robert Pflug ('62), Kathryn Pflug ('11) and Steven Pflug ('89)*



left to right: *Deborah Hilton ('98) Charles Hilton ('76) and Taylor Hilton ('11)*



left to right: *Patrick Hallon, McKenzie Mayo ('11), Elizabeth Schonlau ('74), and India Mayo (L3). Grandfather was James Schonlau ('39), deceased. [Not pictured is Ray Cody Mayo ('09)]*

Match Day



left to right: Terry Fugetta (DDS '77), Cecilia Fugetta, Isabella Adams, Erin Adams ('11) and Todd Adams



left to right: Travis Taunton, Stephanie Savoie Taunton ('11), Susan Savoie (N '79) and Anthony Savoie ('80)



John Gulotta ('11) wins jackpot for being the last name called.



Carter Davis ('11) and William Davis ('83)



Paul Slocum, Sr. ('81) and Paul Slocum, Jr. ('11)



left to right: Philip DiSalvo (DDS '75), Nicholas DiSalvo ('11), and Catherine DiSalvo (N '72)



left to right: Susan Kalil (N '80), David Kalil (N '79), Kellin Kalil Reynolds ('11), Jordan Reynolds and Jeffrey Reynolds (DDS '10) [Kellin is niece of Mario Calonje ('59)]

Match Day



left to right: Catherine Plauche, Virginia Plauche ('11) [(daughter of Hebert Plauche ('63)] and Andrea Frankle



Michael Berger ('73), Jill Berger ('11) and Debra Berger (N '73 & N '90)



Cooper Benson ('11) and David Benson ('82)



Ashton Mansour ('11) and Alfred Mansour ('75)



Pam Darr ('81) and Charles "Chase" Schumacher ('11)



Chad Murphy ('11) [son of Charles Murphy, ('82)] and Cindy Murphy



The plaque beneath the signed coat, which is framed and on display in Student Affairs, reads:

FOREVER
THANKFUL –
CLASS OF 2011



ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT



First place winners, displaying their trophies, are (left to right): Steven Lantier ('86), Gary Harrelson ('81), Rick Keppel ('81), and Tim Trainor ('86).

Physicians have historically been attracted to golf because it is a challenging game that can be enjoyed with friends into our later years and is filled with tradition and sportsmanship. Golf today is not the game enjoyed by our parents and grandparents.

Technological advances enhance the challenge and interest for both amateurs and professionals. Improved club design, computer fitting, long putters, course



Representing the third place winners are Ken Adatto ('68), left, and Tom Adams, DDS.

design and upkeep, all stimulate us to continue to attempt to conquer the sport and stay in the game. Judging from the scores and competition this year even doctors with limited playing time have benefited.

The tournament this year was played at Lakewood Golf Course. This previously was the Lakewood Country Club Course that hosted many P.G.A. tournaments. The course was renovated post-Katrina, having lost many trees, but is still challenging and retains some of the old course.

The Tournament winners should be congratulated for their great play. The team of Gary Harrelson ('81), Rick Keppel ('81), Steven Lantier ('86), and Timothy Trainor ('86) posted an amazing score of 57. Dr. Harrelson on Hole 14 duplicated a famous shot of Jack Nicklaus by cutting the dogleg, driving over the trees and dropping the ball onto the green. He followed this with a



Second place winners (left to right): Macy Vidrine ('01), Joseph Miller ('91), Trey Blue ('01), and Jake LaFleur ('01)

long putt for eagle giving his team a boost.

Two teams tied for second with the team of Joseph Miller ('91), Jake LaFleur ('01), Macy Vidrine ('01), and Trey Blue ('01) posting a 59 and winning the tie breaker. Long-time tournament players and perennial challengers, Ken Adatto ('68); Tom Adams, DDS; Al Wiedemann ('54), and Eric Schultis ('77) took home the third-place trophies.

It was a great day and a good beginning to the alumni meeting. Those of you planning to attend next year's Alumni Meeting should consider joining us for a morning of golf. The format is a scramble, and golfers of all abilities can have a good time. Bring your best shots.

CAMP TIGER GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, November 12, 2011

Lakewood Golf Club
4801 General Degaulle Dr.
New Orleans, LA 70131

Registration: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Shotgun Start: 12:00 pm

Entrance Fees: Medical Students \$55; Non-Medical Students \$100

Please contact Catey Batte (504.432.3792) with any questions. E-mail: cbatte2@lsuhsc.edu



Camp Tiger is a week-long, summer day camp for children who are physically, cognitively, or emotionally challenged. It is run by the freshman class of the LSUHSC School of Medicine. With the students as counselors, campers spend the entire day going to fun places like the zoo, the aquarium, and the Children's Museum. This opportunity is free for the campers and made possible by the generous support of people like you. Please help us in our fundraising efforts and consider participating in the 2011 Camp Tiger Golf Tournament so that we can continue providing this amazing experience for the children.

For more information, visit <http://www.lsuhs.edu/no/organizations/camptiger/index.php/fundraisers>.

From your Alumni Office. . .



Greetings to All,

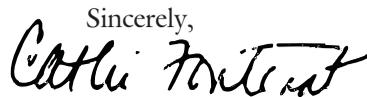
The Alumni Office has had a terrific reunion summer, celebrating with our reunion classes, as all honored our 50th reunion Class of 1961 this year. The class was recognized at the annual luncheon at the Hilton, following the Scientific Session held on the Saturday of reunion weekend. They then partied into the wee hours of the morning at the newly renovated Blueroom of the Roosevelt Hotel. Other classes celebrating reunions this year participated in events across the City, including venues such as Pat O'Brien's, Galatoire's, and Palace Cafe, to name just a few.

Your financial support has enabled this office to sponsor and underwrite multiple student events, such as Camp Tiger (the summer camp run by medical students for disabled children), Match Day events, White Coat ceremony, Student-Run Homeless Clinics, and scholarships. The Alumni Office has developed a closer relationship with students over the years, realizing that a healthy relationship with our future alumni is the key to success for our organization.

Your contributions to the **Russell C. Klein, MD ('59)**, Center for Advanced Practice and the **Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD**, Student Learning Center are greatly appreciated by students, residents, faculty, and even outside physicians who benefit from the educational programs provided in these facilities.

Please take advantage of the opportunity to attend our upcoming fundraising gala in October (complete information available in this edition). The theme this year is the Roaring 20's and we expect attendance to be high. This event is not limited to alumni, so feel free to share the information with friends. If you cannot attend, please consider making a contribution that would allow a student to attend in your place.

As always, I appreciate the chance to serve you in this capacity and strongly encourage you to stop by for a visit when you are in New Orleans. This office is here to serve you,

Sincerely,

Cathi Fontenot ('84)
Associate Dean
for Alumni Affairs and Development

Tigerlines

Tiger in the News

Virginia Connally, MD: Trailblazing Physician, Woman of Faith

The extraordinary life of **Virginia Boyd Connally** ('37), EENT specialist of Abilene, TX, has been detailed in a biography by Loretta Fulton: *Virginia Connally, MD: Trailblazing Physician, Woman of Faith*. Dr. Connally, who was born in Temple, TX, in 1912, obtained her undergraduate degree at Hardin-Simmons University [then Simmons University], Abilene, TX, in 1933, and her MD degree from LSU School of Medicine in 1937. She returned to Abilene, TX, in 1940 and began a remarkable career as the Abilene's first female physician, plus a life of worldwide travel and a brush with Washington's elite through her husband's political involvement. Much of her travel has been in support of Baptist causes and missions. Information and photos from Dr. Russell C. Klein's book, *A History of LSU School of Medicine – New Orleans* (LSU Medical Alumni Association, 2010) were used in the chapters involving LSU School of Medicine. Dr. Connally, whose vibrant personality continues to inspire those around her, will celebrate her 99th birthday in December 2011.

Virginia Connally, MD: Trailblazing Physician, Woman of Faith may be ordered from Texas Star Trading Company in Abilene at www.texasstartrading.com or 325-672-9696.

'49

Wilfrid Dolan, Lafayette, LA – Since 1996, Medical Director for local Plasma Center – Talecris.

John Hamilton, St. Petersburg, FL – “I still volunteer for the St. Petersburg Free Clinic doing Family Practice every Friday for the last 10 years. I love it!”

'50

Thomas McNeely, Crowley, LA – Retired from practice 15 years. Maintain CME with meeting and journals. On Emeritus Staff American Legion Hospital of Crowley and remain active on volunteer staff of Hospice of Acadiana with 25 other physicians, largely LSU alumni.

'57

Guy Guarino, Hickory, NC – “I always enjoy Medicinews!”

Sam Holladay, Springhill, LA – “Three of our offspring practicing physicians – two in Louisiana. I'm still working Mondays and Tuesdays. Looking forward to next year's reunion.”

'58

Cy Vaughn, Phoenix, AZ – “Barbara Vaughn, P.H.T. ('58) (Putting Hubby Through), my wife and best friend, passed away on June 5, 2010. We have five children: Vicki (RN), **Cecil III (Butch)** ('88) and **Paul** ('91), who are vascular surgeons in the Valley, Mike (J.D.) is an attorney in California and Katy (PhD) is psychologist in Phoenix. We have 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. I love LSU and remember walking to School from the Iberville Housing Project.”



Dr. Griffen

'59

Charles Abdo, Las Vegas, NV – “I will be 79 on 8/31/2011. I am retiring after 47 wonderful years practicing ENT, 44 in Las Vegas; the last 10 have been on a part-time basis. I will miss patients and colleagues. Ruth and I have travelled to most of the places we wanted to visit. Plan on spending time at our home in Incline Village, Lake Tahoe, NV, and visiting our children and grandchildren in Paradise Valley, AZ, Pasadena and Beverly Hills, CA, as well as a son and grandson in Incline Village, and the three families in LV. We have 7 children and 16 grands. No greats yet. I would be remiss if I didn't express my profound gratitude to my mentor and friend Irving Blatt, MD, FACS. Thanks, Irv.”

Mickey Salmon, St. Petersburg, FL – “I'm proud to state I have six children, grown and successful and 17 grandchildren. Living in Florida close to five of them.”

'61

Clyde Wagner, San Antonio, TX – “Retired – Fifty great years was enough!”

'65

John Sorrells, Lake Charles, LA – Retired on 1/1/11.

Tiger in the News

131st President of State Medical Society

F. Dean Griffen ('65) of Shreveport, LA, was elected to serve the Louisiana State Medical Society (LSMS) as its 131st president. An active LSMS member since 1969, Dr. Griffen has served in several positions of leadership over the years, including president of Shreveport Medical Society in 1997. Dr. Griffen maintained a private practice in general, thoracic and vascular surgery with Highland Clinic in Shreveport from 1972 to 2007, while maintaining an academic appointment in surgery at the LSU Medical Center. Since 2007, he has established his practice as a professor of clinical surgery at LSUHSC-Shreveport.

Tiger in the News

James Gregory Jolissaint ('86) was interviewed by Fathers for Good (an initiative for men by the Knights of Columbus) for a "Courageous Dads" article, under the title "Frontier Physician." The article may be read at the Fathers for Good website (www.fathersforgood.org). Dr. Jolissaint is a family medicine physician who served 32 years in the U.S. Army, retiring with the rank of Colonel in the Medical Corps. He currently serves as the Medical Director and Chief of the Clinical Operations Office for the Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) Program.

Bert Oubre, Columbia, SC – "I attended the inauguration of the third African Hospital that my wife and I have helped open, Hospital de Guinebor II on January 13 in Chad. The Chad Minister of Health and the Governor were there – as well as TV crews. The next day we saw 75 patients in the clinic. The hospital staff is now delivering babies, performing surgery, caring for outpatients and inpatients – hey, just like any hospital. Hospital charges have resulted already in breaking even! Even I, Mr. Optimist, am surprised. A couple from Baton Rouge will join our European British and Chadian team next month. Thanks for your help!"

'66

Bill DeVillier, Hattiesburg, MS – "Judy and I living in our new home in Hattiesburg, MS. I retired from La. State Mental Health after 25 years and retired again from Ms. State Mental Health Department but still working around Hattiesburg, MS, area. We also enjoy traveling with our trip to Egypt just prior to the uprising. Very memorable!"

'68

Joseph LaNasa, Destrehan, LA – "I have closed my practice in Monroe, LA, as of November, 2010. I moved there after Hurricane Katrina forced me to relocate. As of January 1, 2011, I was offered and accepted a faculty appointment at Tulane Medical Center in New Orleans with Dr. Raju Thomas in the Department of Urology. We have maintained our home in Destrehan, La during our tenure in Monroe. Wanda and I are elated to be back in New Orleans close to our daughter, Connie, and four of our eight grandchildren who live in Metairie. Our two sons live out of state in Greenwich, CT, and Raleigh, NC. They each have two children.

"We recently attended the inaugural meeting of the LSU Uro-Tigers Society at the LSUHSC in January, 2011. Its membership is open to all LSUHSC alumni and residents who are practicing or retired urologists. Please contact **Chris Winters ('88)** or **Tony Fuselier ('67)** of the LSUHSC Department of Urology to join!!! The department needs our support to continue to grow and

prosper in these difficult financial times. As co-founder of the LSU Urology Alumni Association in 1973, our members have agreed to meld with Uro-Tigers. The balance in our Association account of \$50,000 has been pledged to Uro-Tigers to fund a perpetual 'Gilbert C. Tomskey Lectureship' in Urology."

'71

Charles Black, Shreveport, LA – Retired from private practice and now

MEDICAL ALUMNI REUNIONS 2012

for the following classes:

'46, '47, '48, '52, '57, '62, '67,
'72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, '02

June 8 and 9, 2012

New Orleans Hilton, Poydras at the River

To volunteer
to help with
your 2012 reunion,
contact the Office of
Alumni Affairs
at (504) 568-4009
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See you
there!



Tigerlines

employed full time at the VA Hospital attending in General Surgery.

Bruce Gordon, Sacramento, CA – “Son **Nathaniel** (’10) finished internship (IM/Critical Care) at UC Davis, Sacramento. He also finished 2010 Coeur d’Alene – Iron Man Triathlon.”

Robert Schwendimann, Shreveport, LA – Interim Chairman, Department of Neurology, LSUHSC-Shreveport and Professor of Clinical Neurology. “Back to Academic Neurology since 1995 – Busy with new residency program in Neurology.”

’72

Edmund Nagem, Salem, SC – “I am proud to announce that my son, Ross A. Avant, will begin his medical career at LSUHSC-New Orleans.”

’73

Pop Neumann, Tallulah, LA – “Eight grand “kids” is more than Emily can handle.”

’74

Patricia McGuff Schneider, St. Francisville, LA – “Back to St. Francisville, primary care Pediatrics. I have a terrific practice – children and grandchildren of my original pediatric patients. St. Francisville is rural, suburban with one of the best public school systems in the state. It’s fun to go to work every day. Kids are grown, grandkids are fun.”

’75

Nicholas Danna, Metairie, LA – Thirty-two years in practice of Pediatrics in Metairie. “Three grandsons provide continuing education in Pediatrics.”

’80

Mark Rubin, West Monroe, LA – “I really enjoyed our Class of 1980 Reunion. I wish that we could meet yearly – Had a great time!”

Jon Schellack, Baton Rouge, LA – “Dr. Paul Perkowski and I are looking forward to having **London Guidry Lyons** (’04) join us in the practice of Vascular Surgery in July!”

’85

Tom Curtis, Rayne, LA – “Amanda and I are grandparents! He (Jack) is such a blessing. J.T. finishes Petroleum Engineering in May. Logan ends second year at LSU Vet School. Carl applies for medical school this fall. Scott begins Chemical Engineering at LSU this fall.”

’87

Gordon Schally, New Orleans, LA – “After nine years in the Army and 14 years in private practice in Little Rock I have returned to New Orleans to practice Radiology at the VA.”

’88

Allen Dupre, Montgomery, AL – “Debbie and I are doing great in Montgomery. Our youngest child graduates high school this year so our “empty nest” invites you to visit. **Jimmy McCready** (’88) is the only member of our class who writes about his life. . . does anyone else have a life!?! Let’s hear from you!”

’92

Ted Hart, Willis, TX – “Moved to Texas from Colorado with Julie and our three-year-old, John. I am currently Medical Director of Anesthesia at

Tiger in the News

Andrew Nakamoto (’09) is in the process of starting a nonprofit organization called RESTART, which stands for “Recreational and Educational Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation Treatments.” The mission is to donate various sports equipment to correctional facilities in order to teach offenders cooperation and teamwork while building up their self-esteem. The goal is to provide them with the opportunity to learn certain job skills that offenders can use to secure jobs on their release from incarceration. The three facilities that are RESTART’s initial targets are Elayn Hunt Correctional, Louisiana State Penitentiary (Angola), and Dixon Correctional.

To quote Warden Burl Cain of Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, LA, “Our greatest challenge is to give hope where there is hopelessness.”

Huntsville Memorial Hospital. We are back in the heat and humidity, but enjoying living on Lake Conroe. Also, close enough to drive in for LSU games. *Geaux Tigers!*”

Laura Spurl, Tacoma, WA – “Practicing Ob/Gyn in Tacoma, Washington. Involved in robotic surgery. Recently engaged after the loss of my husband four years ago.”

COLIN GOODIER GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 4th Annual Colin Goodier Golf Tournament was held at Audubon Golf Course on Friday, September 23, 2011. The tournament was established to honor the memory of **Colin David Goodier** (’05). Proceeds will go to a scholarship fund created in his name at LSU Medical School. Think about participating next year. For information about the tournament, contact Nicette Goodier (504) 895-7076 or Ben Hales (504) 508-1862. The registration form will be available at the Alumni Affairs website (http://www.medschool.lsuhs.edu/alumni_affairs/).

DECEASED

1939

Lamar L. Lambert

1940

E. Craig Heringman
Harold S. Miropol

1941

Earl H. Morrogh
Thomas R. Wilson

1942

Martin Harwin
Thomas W. Kleinpeter

1943 March

Lucille E. Tognoni

1944

Joseph B. Miller
George D. Tennison

1946

Francis M. Harris
Fleater Palmer

1948

John J. Davis

1952

Lastie J. Broussard
Thomas J. Hebert
Eli Sorkow

1954

William M. Roeling

1956

Eugene C. Crisler

1957

John D. Brooks
William J. Erwin
Archie B. Osborn

1959

Robert H. Schulingkamp
Donald H. Vines
Malcolm L. Latour

1962

James W. O'Neal

1964

Thomas D. McCaffery, Jr.
William H. Steen

1967

Beuker F. Amann

1972

James W. Cabaniss

1978

H. Stanley Culbertson
George W. Stubbs

1997

Julie G. Bragg

1999

Timothy A. McGowan

'95

Katherine Kreutziger Baumgarten, New Orleans, LA – Now the Medical Director of Infection Control and Employee Health for the Ochsner System.

Mia Singleton-Ben, Opelousas, LA – “Still practicing Pediatric Medicine and playing women’s tackle football. Acadiana Zydeco won first game 44-20 with me playing center and middle linebacker.”

'05

Jeffrey Elder, Metairie, LA – Appointed Director of New Orleans EMS.

Sarah Glorioso, Shreveport, LA – “Working in Shreveport, expecting 1st Baby Boy!”

'06

Lauren C. Anderson de Moreno, Lexington, KY – “Graduated from Indiana School of Medicine in June and will be joining the staff as Assistant Professor in Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery at the University of Kentucky to join my husband Oscar, who is a General Surgery Resident there. I am slowing moving my way down south from the cold but warm-hearted Midwest. My research entitled: “The

Effects of Prematurity on Incidence of Aspiration following Supraglottoplasty for Laryngomalacia,” which also won first poster competition at the Triological Society meeting in Scottsdale, AZ, in January 2011, will be featured in an upcoming publication of *The Laryngoscope*.

William Rolston, Savannah, GA – Completed Otolaryngology residency in Arkansas and going into private practice in Savannah, GA.

'09 & '10

Laura Folsie McCormick and Michael McCormick, Greenwood Village, CO – “We had a son, Andrew Joseph McCormick – born July 6, 2011!”

Charitable Giving Through Individual Retirement Accounts

If you are over age 70½, the Federal government permits you to rollover up to \$100,000 from your IRA to charity without increasing your taxable income or paying any additional tax. These tax-free rollover gifts could be \$1,000, \$10,000 or any amount up to \$100,000 this year. For more information, contact the LSUHealth Foundation (www.lsuhsfoundation.org).

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Greetings to all

Unquestionably we find ourselves immersed in intriguing times fortified by stirring events. The seemingly collapse of myriad foreign heads of state and their autocratic regimes, European economic destabilization, intemperate US debt and a rivetingly unpredictable market in sum may easily overwhelm the staunchest among us. The take-home point endures – remember the small meaningful stuff. As we approach the ten-year anniversary of the “September 11 Attacks” we must remain circumspect while continuing to honor those who willingly place themselves in harm’s way battling for our freedom.

The merit of God, family, friends and yes, even our alma mater can never be overstated. Certainly without these latter ingredients our lives would markedly be less significant. I have recently been honored and asked to assume the reigns as alumni president from my far more capable predecessor, **Charles Schibler II** (’92). Thanks, Chuck, for superlative leadership over the previous 12 months.

Your Alumni Association, under the watchful direction of **Cathi Fontenot** (’84), continues to make strides at reducing the debt of our prodigious undertaking relative to the Center for Advanced Practice.

Our chancellor, **Larry Hollier** (’68), remains unwavering as the stalwart motivator for the new medical complex. These two highly enthusiastic players and their respective accomplishments deserve ongoing accolades.

The annual Purple and Gold Gala with “The Rrrroaring ’20s” theme occurs on October 15, 2011, at the New Orleans Marriott. The event features The Jimmy Maxwell Orchestra. Additionally, as customary, you’ll enjoy a dinner buffet and live/silent auctions that evening the tigers play the Tennessee Volunteers at Knoxville. Not to worry a Big Screen TV will be present in the Ballroom. Kudos to the tigers and coaching staff for their fine performance in the season’s opener against the Ducks. Please make an extra effort to attend the 6th annual gala. It’s always a special night. If I may be so bold as to gently suggest purchasing an entire table and any unfilled seats may then be offered to LSU Medical Students.

Also be mindful of the summer reunions, which were a great success and highlighted in this edition of your newsletter. Reunions are a terrific way to honor your alma mater and catch up with old friends.

I look forward to a great year as Alumni President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee R. Domangue". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "D".

Lee R. Domangue (’76)

President

LSU Medical Alumni Association



A Streetcar Named... *(see above!)*

LSU Faculty Group Services is moving to St. Charles Avenue. Read all about it on page 10.