



# THE WARREN H. COLE SOCIETY

The Alumni Association of the Departments of Surgery  
of the University of Illinois, College of Medicine

FALL 2011

## Message from the President

It has indeed been an honor to serve as your president during this past year. The Cole Society continues to play a vital role in the development of the University of Illinois Departments of Surgery. We continue to grow and now number 490 total members. The Urbana site is now fully integrated as one of the Departments, and we welcome their faculty and residents into membership. Our events thus far have been successful and well attended.

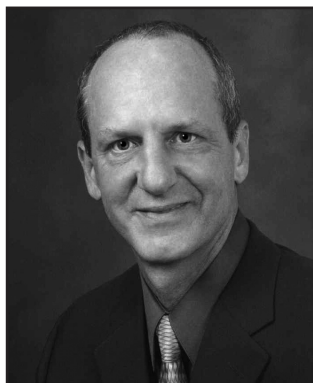
The Olga Jonasson symposium in June saw a large number of attendees, including many out of town visitors. In addition to our faculty presentations, alumni speakers and honorees James DeBord, Daniel Doody, and Francisco (Seve) Rodriguez delivered well accepted educational talks. Dr. Harry Richter honored Dr. Philip Donohue by memorializing his life and work, and our keynote speaker, Dr. M. Margaret Knudson, was compelling, to say the least. Dr. Donald Wood presented the inaugural "Surgical Snippets", a trivia contest of sorts, but more so, an opportunity to honor and remember our heritage, and to engage attendees in a novel activity.

Following the symposium, the resident graduation ceremony, was a gala event, as usual. Those who attended had the opportunity to witness the ultimate host, Dr. Gary Merlotti, in his ultimate performance. The Nyhus Lecture was delivered by Dr. Adrian Park. Finally, the annual dinner and membership meeting will be held during the ACS meeting in San Francisco, and we look forward to an engaging experience with guest speaker and honoree, Dr. Robert Barone.

In my first President's message, I expressed a goal of enhanced member involvement. I would like to thank those of you who are helping to realize this goal. For those who have not had the opportunity, I implore you to join in one or more of the events during the next year. The members are the Society, so please stay involved and advise the leadership how we can best serve you.

A Happy and Healthy Holiday Season to all.

*Arnold P. Robin, MD, FACS*



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# UICCOM-P (PEORIA) DEPARTMENT REPORT

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## Illinois Chapter of the ACS Annual Meeting

Our Department sent four residents to present in the Resident Competition of the Illinois Chapter of the ACS Annual Meeting. Eben True, MD was awarded First Place for his presentation Laparoscopic pancreaticogastrostomy during laparoscopic whipple procedure: early data suggesting a viable alternative. Robin Alley, MD was awarded Third Place for her presentation Gastroschisis. Paul Pacheco, MD presented Novel use of fluorescence angiography for evaluation of the gastric conduit during esophagectomy. Steven Henriques, MD presented Nuss procedure: decrease in bar related complication with primary placement of two bars.

## Illinois Surgical Society Meeting

Residents, Yolanda Chang, MD and Robin Alley, MD, participated in Resident Jeopardy competing against residents from Loyola, UIC Chicago, Northwestern, University of Chicago, Rush, and UIC Metro and were the tournament champs!

## Please help us welcome new faculty -

**Mark J. Holterman, MD, PhD** in the Department of Surgery, Section of Pediatric Surgery. He received his BA from Yale University and his PhD and MD from University of Virginia, Charlottesville. He completed his residency in General Surgery at University of Virginia Health Sciences and completed a fellowship in Pediatric Surgery at the Children's Hospital and Medical Center in Charlottesville.

Dr. Holterman most recently served as Associate Professor and Chief of the Division of Pediatric Surgery at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago; Surgeon-in-Chief, Division of Pediatric Surgery at Advocate Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn, IL; and Pediatric Surgery Attending in the Department of Surgery and Pediatrics at Rush Children's Hospital in Chicago.

**Ai-Xuan L. Holterman, MD** in the Department of Surgery, Section of Pediatric Surgery. She received her BA from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth and her MD from University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Southwestern Medical School, Dallas. She completed her residency in General Surgery at University of Virginia, Charlottesville; a postdoctoral research fellowship at University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle; and a fellowship in Pediatric Surgery at University of Montreal, Hospital Sainte-Justine, Montreal, Quebec.

Dr. Holterman most recently served as Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics and the Director of Pediatric Surgery at Rush University Medical Center/Rush Children's Hospital; Adjunct Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics at University of Illinois at Chicago; and attending surgeon at Loyola University Medical Center.

**Steven S. Tsoraides, MD** in the Department of Surgery, Section of Colorectal Surgery. He received his BS from Loyola University Chicago; his Master's in Public Health and MD from University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria. He completed his General Surgery Residency at UICOMP and completed his Colorectal Surgery Residency at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

**Kewei Wang, PhD** in the Department of Surgery, Section of Pediatric Surgery. He received his BA, MA, and PhD in medical sciences from Harbin Medical University, China.

Dr. Wang most recently served as a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics and Surgery/Section of Pediatric Surgery at Rush University Medical Center.

## Annual Picnic

The Department of Surgery annual picnic was held on Sunday July 17th at Dr. Thomas Rossi's home. Our graduating residents, Eric Cox MD and Paul Pacheco MD were honored and we welcomed our new residents, Brandon Keys MD, Leah Mauer MD, and Imad Qayyum MD.

- Norman C. Estes, MD, FACS

# SAVE THE DATE

## OCTOBER 24, 2011

**WARREN H. COLE SOCIETY RECEPTION AND DINNER**

General Membership Meeting

Marines' Memorial Club  
609 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA

**6 PM RECEPTION • 7 PM DINNER**

Featured speaker, Robert Barone, Implantable devices – History and Impact on Regional Cancer Therapy

If you are planning to attend the American College of Surgeon's meeting this year,  
please reserve some time to attend the reception and/or dinner.

**For reservations contact Mary Mouw 312-996-9313 or email [mjmouw@uic.edu](mailto:mjmouw@uic.edu)**

## NEWS OF THE 2011 GRADUATES

Following is information received from the graduates and/or their Departments  
about what they are doing after graduation this past June:

### UIC

**Grace Chang**

Fellowship in Surgical Critical Care at John  
H. Stroger Hospital, Chicago, IL

**Thomas Dekoj**

Fellowship in Colon and Rectal Surgery at  
North Shore University/Long Island Jewish  
Health System

**Michael Malinowski**

Fellowship in Vascular Surgery at Loyola  
University

**Phyllis Napoles**

Fellowship in Transplant Surgery, UC San  
Diego

**George Negrete**

General Surgery Practice, Appleton, WI

**Anjali Thawani**

Fellowship in Surgical Critical Care at John  
H. Stroger Hospital, Chicago, IL

### UIC METRO

**Stephanie Bonne**

Fellowship in Trauma/Critical Care at  
Washington University, St. Louis/ Barnes  
Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, MO

**Neil Dalal**

Fellowship in Plastic and Reconstructive  
Surgery at Loyola University Medical  
Center

**Brahm Jyot**

Joined a practice in Harrisburg, IL

**Abha Ojha**

General Surgery Practice, South  
Williamson, KY at the ARH Hospital in a  
group practice

**Laura Ragauskaitė**

Joined a multispecialty group as a General  
Surgeon at Elkhart Clinic in Elkhart, IN and  
Elkhart General Hospital

### UICOM-P

**Eric Cox**

Working in Galesburg, IL

**Paul Pacheco**

Fellowship in Colon and Rectal Surgery at  
Southern Illinois University, Springfield, IL

### MT. SINAI

**Zahid Hoda**

Fellowship on Minimally Invasive, Bariatric  
and Robotic Surgery at University of  
California-Davis

**Karina Laura Paulius Quinn**

Fellowship on Plastic Surgery, UIC

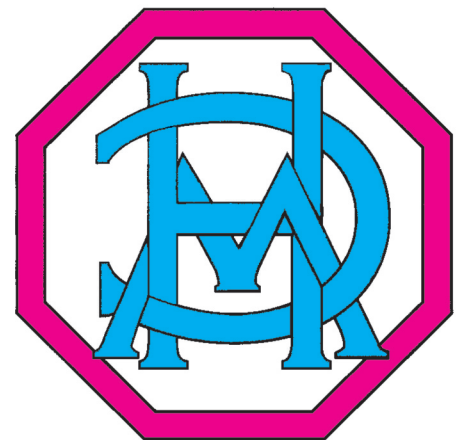
# In Memorium

Alvin L. Watne, 84, passed away on July 31, 2011. A native of Shabbona, IL, he has lived his past years in Marietta, GA. After serving with the US Army during WW II, he graduated from the U of I College of Medicine specializing in surgical oncology for 40 years. He spent much of his career at West Virginia Univ. culminating as Prof. and Chairman, Dept. of Surgery. He then continued his career at the UICOM-P as Prof. and Chairman, Dept. of Surgery. Upon his retirement, he continued his love of medicine as the Medical Director for the Cancer Center of GA at Georgia Baptist Medical Ctr. Retiring again, he worked with Dr. Robert Purdy providing medical care in Shabbona, IL. While he loved medicine, he loved teaching even more. Alvin published hundreds of books and articles and received numerous awards. He was very active in his field holding numerous offices in various professional Societies, one of which was President of the Warren H. Cole Society (1979-1980). He was active in and supportive of the Society and will be sorely missed.

## Surgical Snippets Update



Armie Robin and Don Wood (historian) developed a written and pictorial Department of Surgery Trivia Quiz for the 2011 Olga Jonasson/Warren H. Cole Society Scientific Meeting. It definitely was an enjoyable way to remember and reminisce. There were 2 winners: Russell Pearl and Harry Richter. They were both given a copy of the Warren H. Cole biography as the prize. Dr. Richter was not present for the photo.



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