

# OB-GYN Special Delivery

## ❖ News for Alumni and Friends

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### Grand Plans Made at the Third Annual OB-GYN Alumni Society Meeting

On May 11-13, 2012, the Third Annual UF OB-GYN Alumni Society Meeting of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Florida College of Medicine was held at the new Omni Orlando at ChampionGate Resort, in Orlando, Florida.

From the Alumni Welcome Reception on Friday evening through the last lecture on Sunday morning, the meeting progressed splendidly.

On Saturday morning, following a welcome from Dr. Stan Williams, current Chair of the Department of OB-GYN, presentations were made by three former Chairs: Dr. Jack Masterson, Chair from 1987

through 1995, presented "How to Have Fun in Academic Medicine;" Dr. Bill Spellacy, Chair from 1973 through 1979, presented "Fetal Growth Retardation (FGR): Infant and Adult Problems;" and Dr. Keith Stone, Chair from 1995 through 2007, presented "Obstetrics in West Africa: Six Months with Medecins Sans Frontieres."

Following these presentations the business meeting was held, where it was decided that next year's meeting will be held at the Best Western Gateway Grand Resort in Gainesville. The date is set for June 14-16, 2013, and the venue should be just as inviting and family-friendly as the Gaylord Palms and Omni Cham-



Former Chairs Jack Masterson, Keith Stone, and William Spellacy join current Chair Stan Williams at the Welcome Reception.

pionGate in Orlando have been for everyone.

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*Best Western Gateway Grand  
Gainesville, Florida  
June 14-16, 2013*

#### Special points of interest:

- Featured presentations at the 3rd Annual UF OB-GYN Alumni Society
- Changes in faculty in the Department in 2012
- Plans underway for future expansion of clinical facilities
- New Interns for 2012-13 joined the Department in June



Alumni and Faculty of the Department of OB-GYN

### ❖ Notes from the Chair



R. Stan Williams, MD

Another successful academic year is coming to a close. In a couple of months we will be having the traditional Resident Research Day with second and third year residents

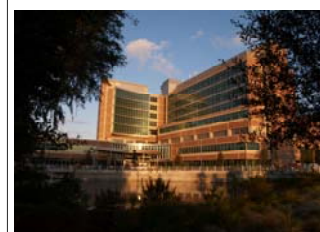
presenting results from their original research projects, Chief Residents presenting Evidence Based Medicine lectures about selected topics, and our Visiting Professor, Dr. Andrew Kaunitz from our Jacksonville campus, presenting talks on contraception and medical management of AUB.

A couple of weeks after that will be our Chief Resident graduation dinner, and then we will welcome the new interns during orientation week (see related articles). Being part of the UF faculty for the past 23 years, I have now seen close to a hundred residents finish their training at UF and move on to private practice, fellowships

and academic practice. It is always gratifying to follow their success in life, whether it is professionally or their growing families and work in their communities. That is why the UF ObGyn Alumni Society is so important for all of us to support. It gives us an opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues that have experienced the same challenges and rewards of our ObGyn residency training program at UF&Shands. We are blessed with so many outstanding graduates and it is a pleasure to be able to see them again as well as see their families. Be sure to Save the Date for next year's Alumni meeting in Orlando. In the meantime, please enjoy keeping up with your home Department through our Alumni Newsletter.

R. Stan Williams, M.D.

Harry Prystowsky Professor of Reproductive Medicine  
Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology



## Highlights of the Third Alumni Society Meeting (Continued from Page 1)

Once the meeting was adjourned, many families headed to the resort's swimming complex, and guys in one group headed to the golf course, while another group headed to the sports bar to watch the Gator basketball team defeat UCLA and advance to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA March Madness basketball championship.

The evening alumni dinner speaker was **Dr. David Guzick, M.D., Ph.D.**, Senior Vice-President for Health Affairs, and President of the University and Shands Health System. Dr. Guzick presented "UF & Shands: A Work in Progress" with special emphasis on future plans for the Shands Hospital for Children and Women at the University of Florida. We were all excited to hear Dr. Guzick's visionary presentation.

Sunday morning's presentations included "Control of Pain and Use of Analgesics in Patients Who are Opiate Dependent" by Dr. Kay Roussos-Ross. Dr. Alice Rhoton-Vlasak presented "Reproductive Options for Cancer Patients: What's New." Dr. Nash Moawad presented "Conservative Surgical Management of Endometriosis-related Pelvic Pain." Dr. Patrick Duff presented "Prevention of Major Compli-

cations After Cesarean Delivery: What Techniques Really Matter." Dr. Emily Weber LeBrun presented "Vaginal Reconstruction: Considerations for Mesh Augmentation."

The meeting was adjourned on Sunday at noon, and everyone returned home with the knowledge gained from eight lectures, a round of golf, one basketball victory over UCLA, one visionary presentation by the Senior Vice-President of Health Affairs, and the camaraderie of alumni and their families.



Dr. Ken and Irene Kellner, Drs. Helen Rogers and Amelia Cruz



Drs. Alice Rhoton-Vlasak, Laura Stickler, Nikki Jarvis and Brenda Shoup

### ❖ Faculty News

- Judy Simms-Cendan, MD, along with her husband, Dr. Juan Cendan, both accepted new positions at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine in Orlando last July.
- Orhan Bukulmez, MD, became Division Chief of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas last November.
- Thomas Young, MD, will be officially retiring in May from his voluntary service as GYN attending for the Monday Continuity Clinics.
- Ken Drury, PhD, Director of OB-GYN's In Vitro Fertilization Laboratory, will be retiring in June after 19 years with the department.
- Douglas Richards, MD, Director of MFM, will be moving to Salt Lake City in June to join his extended family. He will be Co-Director of the residency program at the University of Utah and the Intermountain Health Care Hospitals.

### ❖ Alumni News

- Virginia Su (Class of 2009) is currently doing a pelvic/robotic surgery fellowship at Women's Cancer Care of Seattle, Washington.
- Caroline Cox Signore (Class of 1996) has risen through the ranks of the NICHD and has an article on "Pregnancy in Women with Physical Disabilities" in the April 2011 Green Journal. She also wrote a very cogent opinion piece on elective inductions in the July 2010 edition of *Obstetrics and Gynecology*.
- John Van Wert ('88) and Pam Snook ('09) were featured on the Dec 2010 cover of *LifeStyle* magazine for Central Florida with an article on their practice at Premier OB-GYN of Maitland, P.A.
- John L. Taylor (Class of 1976), we recently learned, passed away on December 13, 2009. Following residency he served as a Lt Commander in the US Navy, then had an OBGYN practice in Tallahassee for 19 years. He moved to Thomasville, Georgia, in 1998 and established solo practices there and in Cairo, GA, until his death.
- **If you have any news to share, please let us know!**

### ❖ Spotlight on Research

**Gregory Schultz, Ph.D.**, Professor and Director of the COM Medical Sciences Research Program, continues to investigate the molecular regulation of wound healing in several tissues including the eye, skin, and peritoneal cavity, and the role of bacterial biofilms in chronic wounds. His program is currently funded by two NIH grants, a grant for the Department of Defense for anticarring in the eye, and several grants from medical device companies. He completed a three-year term on the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) in 2010.

- Dr. Schultz was awarded the UF Research Foundation Professorship Award for a distinguished record of research and scholarship that is expected to lead to continuing distinction in the field of wound healing for 2010-2012.
- Dr. Schultz was also made a Silver Fellow of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) in May 2010, which is given to approximately 1% of the 8,000 members for distinguished service and contributions to ARVO.

**Stan Williams, M.D.**, is a co-investigator on a Program Project Grant using IVF and donor egg recipient patients to study the effects of relaxin during pregnancy. If fully funded, UF will receive \$7.7 M over 5 years.





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**SAVE THESE DATES!**

**The 4th Annual  
UF OB-GYN  
Alumni Society Meeting  
June 14-16, 2013  
Best Western Gateway  
Grand in Gainesville, FL**

❖ To view additional photos from the 2012 OB-GYN Alumni Society Meeting, visit: [http://obgyn.ufl.edu/alumni/photo\\_gallery.php](http://obgyn.ufl.edu/alumni/photo_gallery.php)

For further information on the UF OB-GYN Alumni Society, please visit: [www.obgyn.ufl.edu](http://www.obgyn.ufl.edu) or email [hoped@ufl.edu](mailto:hoped@ufl.edu).

**❖ National Infertility Awareness Week**

Drs. John Davis, Shireen Madani Sims, and Sharon Byun recently attended the 2011 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, March 9-12, 2011, where they gave a three-part team presentation on the topic of "Maximizing Resident and Medical Student Education on the Gynecology Service."

In addition to speaking at the annual meeting, Dr. Madani Sims and Dr. Byun attended the Scholars Graduation Ceremony as new graduates of APGO's 2010-11 Scholars Programs.

- Dr. Madani Sims graduated from the APGO Academic Scholars and Leaders Program after completing a 15-month educational project, concluding with an oral presentation and poster of her results at the CREOG & APGO Poster Reception.
- Dr. Byun graduated from the 2010-11 APGO Surgical Scholars Program following an interactive hysteroscopy training course, implementation of a curriculum, and ending with participation in a breakout session and graduation at the Annual Meeting.

Drs. John Davis, Shireen Madani Sims and Sharon Byun make a team presentation.

Dr. Shireen Madani Sims accepts her plaque at the Graduation Ceremony.



Dr. Sharon Byun is congratulated on completion of the Scholars Program.

Each was awarded a commemorative plaque and certificate of completion. The APGO Scholars Program is an innovative educational program for professional development to improve teaching, leadership and surgical skills. Dr. Davis is also a graduate of the APGO Scholars Program, completing his training in the Educational Scholars Development Program in 2000-01.

- Chief Resident Kay Roussos-Ross, MD, also attended the Annual Meeting where she presented a poster of her research on the topic of "How Well are Residents Trained in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Postpartum Depression?"



Chief Resident Kay Roussos-Ross, MD, presents her poster at APGO.

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