



# Saginaw E-Newsletter

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### **November 2006.....**

Dear friends--

*A situation has presented itself ... During my experience with the medical students in Costa Rica during the spring, I became acquainted with a young girl who is the victim of a fulminating infection that resulted in the loss of the skin on all of her extremities. Subsequently she had both feet partially amputated resulting in her legs being folded back so that a full thickness graft from her buttocks could be applied to cover her feet. She stayed in this position for at least a couple of months. The upshot is that she has endured terrible pain and significant disfigurement during the management of this situation. She has been bedridden for over 2 years since the onset of the infection, cared for lovingly by her mother and grandmother under appalling conditions. It is not enough and she is requiring significant medical intervention. She still has skin areas that need to be healed and orthopedic intervention that is necessary for any quality of life as well as rehab. She has been accepted at Shriners' Hospital in Cincinnati. We (the medical team and friends of Paulette in Costa Rica) need to locate a private plane to be able to transport her and her mother and a nurse and physician from San Jose to Cincy as soon as possible (once her passport etc is in order). We need your help to locate a service who could donate this medical transport. Please if you have any connections to make this happen let me know. I have other documentation on the 17 year old Paulette's condition if you would find that helpful (medical record for transfer, pictures etc). We have worked to try to facilitate her care in CR but what she needs as a child without resources has just not been attainable after much struggle and communication with the health system etc. If you can connect me with a transport system, please do so at your earliest convenience. She is not infectious. She was given 72 hours to live when the rare infection first developed.....she has fought an unbelievable battle to live through this--there is something very precious that she has to offer in this life....lets help her achieve that. With my greatest sincerity, Rae*

*" The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy"*  
**Martin Luther King Jr.,  
Strength to Love, 1963**

### **fast forward to January 2007...**

*With the help of many hands and prayers, we were able to transport Paulette from San Jose Costa Rica to Cincinnati Shriners' Hospital on January 4, 2007. Paulette has a long struggle ahead of her but she is in a wonderful place that will care for her well. I am grateful to the private company that donated their private plane (they wish to remain anonymous) and to the Shriners for all of their help and commitment to the care of children. There were many miracles that were part of this situation and I am humbled to have played a small part in the opportunity for Paulette to have another chance at life. Below is a picture of her.*

*My colleagues, Dr. Mario Tristan of the International Health Central American Institute Foundation located in San Jose, Costa Rica and Dr. Kevin Bailey of the Shriners Hospital of Cincinnati have been involved in the care and subsequent transportation of a young Costa Rican girl (17 y/o) to the US who originally contracted a meningococcal infection in Dec 04 with puerperal fulminans development resulting in loss of skin on all*

foot amputation bilat, loss of fingers on L hand and numerous full thickness wounds of the buttocks and lower limbs. We have spent the last 9 mos trying to facilitate her movement to the States for care and finally succeeded on Jan 4, 2007. After thorough assessment of her wounds at Shriners it was determined that the bone integrity of the limbs below the knee bilaterally was significantly compromised and it is anticipated that below the knee amputation may be the necessary outcome.

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This newsletter contains:

1. Main Campus Updates
2. Core Competency Information
3. Save The Date
4. MS-IV Information
5. Birthdays
6. Calendar



## Main Campus Updates

January 3,

*It is with great sadness that I inform you that our beloved friend and esteemed colleague, Dr. Arnold Werner, died this morning. We will sorely miss Arnie's intellect, his wisdom, his acerbic wit, and his passion for medical education and the College of Human Medicine. Just recently Arnie and I were discussing the importance of our values and how best to carry them into future generations of physicians. I know that most of you are separated from Arnie by distance and time. But many, many of you will share with me the sorrow of this loss and deepest sympathy for Betty and the family.*

**Memorial services for Arnold Werner, M.D. will be Saturday, January 13, 2007, 3pm in the Radiology Auditorium on campus at MSU. The family requests that donations be made to the Greater Lansing Food Bank.**

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## **Core Competency Information**

January Core Competency schedule is as follows:

1/3/07 – **Holiday Break – No Core Comp Scheduled**

1/10/07 – Research – Dr. Obando, rm. 410C

1/17/07 – Research – Dr. Obando, rm. 410C

1/24/07 – Resident Selection Process & Match/MBTI Test Admin. - Flint

1/31/07 – Research – Dr. Obando, rm. 410C

## **Save the Date**

*As We Remember the Dream....*

Join the College of Human Medicine Family as we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during a commemorative program on **Monday, January 15, 2007, at 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the Radiology Auditorium.**

**Dr. Marsha Rappley will bring formal remarks in her new role as Dean .**

**Dr. Kenya Sekoni, CHM Class of 2000, will be the guest speaker.**

We hope to see you there!

**Please rsvp your plans to attend by Friday, January 12, 2006 to [Chmstudentaffairs@chm.msu.edu](mailto:Chmstudentaffairs@chm.msu.edu)**

No Clerkship Activities on Monday, January 15, 2007

Save The Date! The 30<sup>th</sup> Family Medicine Research Day Conference will be Thursday, May 24, 2007, at Genoa Woods Conference & Banquet Center, 7707 Conference Center Dr., Brighton, MI 48114. Contact Deb Richardson at [deb.richardson@hc.msu.edu](mailto:deb.richardson@hc.msu.edu).

## **MS-IV Information**

### **NRMP 2007 Timeline**

August 15, 2006, - Applicant registration opens

December 1, 2006, - Applicant registration deadline

January 15, 2007 - Rank Order List Entry begins

January 31, 2007 - Program Quota Change Deadline

February 21, 2007 - Late Registration deadline & Rank Order Lists closes at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

March 15, 2007 - Match Day

### **ERAS Information**

ERAS 2006 processing fees. These fees are:

- 1 – 10 Programs, \$60
- 11-20 Programs, \$8 each
- 21-30 Programs, \$15 each
- 31 or more Programs, \$25 each

We suggest that you make a copy of your ERAS application for your records. This information might be useful to you if you choose to apply to a fellowship program after residency

### **Applying for Graduation**

You must apply for graduation. Submit your application by the first week of the semester you expect to complete your degree requirements. If you will complete your degree requirements during Summer, apply for Summer by the first week of Spring semester. Both Spring and Summer applicants will be included in the Spring Commencement Ceremonies. For students with MSUNetId and Password, fill out the on-line graduation application form. For students without MSUNetId and Password, print and complete the hard copy graduation application form and fax or mail it to the Office of the Registrar. You can find the application form at:

<http://www.reg.msu.edu/StuForms/GradApp/GradApp.asp>



Please join us in wishing a happy and prosperous birthday to the following CHM Students:

Ankoor Soni January 4

Andrea Cziffer January 19

# January 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 OB/GYN Begins	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 MLK Holiday	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			