Progress Notes

Send your progress notes to:
Andrea Pesce
Assistant Development Officer
PENN Medicine Development
and Alumni Relations
3335 Market Street, Suite 750
Philadelphia, PA 19104-3309

1960s

David G. Kline, M.D. ’60, the Boyd Professor of Neurosurgery and chair of the department at Louisiana State University was honored by a festschrift held at the Neuroscience Center of the L.S.U. Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. More than 80 scientists and clinicians from many parts of the world attended and presented papers in the areas Kline has studied, such as peripheral nerve injuries and repair and the tumors of nerves. The materials are to be published in a neurosurgical journal in 2009. Former president of the Southern Neurological Society, Kline is president-elect of the Society of Neurological Surgeons. His book Nerve Injuries (with A. Hudson) is considered a classic reference text.

William Allen Eaton, M.D. ’64, Ph.D. ’67, was honored with a symposium on “New Challenges in Protein Science,” held at the University of Parma, Italy, June 4-6, 2008, on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Since 1986, he has served as chief of the Laboratory of Chemical Physics, the principal laboratory at the National Institutes of Health, carrying out research in the biophysical sciences, and as scientific director of the N.I.H. Intramural AIDS Targeted Anti-viral Program. Eaton is a fellow of the American Physical Society, the Biophysical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and is a member of the Association of American Physicians and the National Academy of Sciences.

Richard A. Ratner, M.D. ’66, a psychiatrist and clinical professor of psychiatry and behavioral science at George Washington University School of Medicine, reports that he lost his wife of 39 years, Linda, in June. “She was a great friend of the class of 1966 and will be missed.” An adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University, Ratner is a former president of the American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry, which presented him the Schonfeld Award in 2003. He has also been president of the Washington, D.C., Psychiatric Society.

1970s

Joseph Loscalzo, M.D. ’78, Ph.D., the Hersey Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, chair of the Department of Medicine, and physician-in-chief at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, is one of the seven editors of the 17th edition of Harrison’s Principles of Internal Medicine (McGraw-Hill, 2008). The new edition features global health and medicine throughout, has sections on regenerative medicine and stem-cell biology, includes many four-color illustrations and images, and comes with a DVD that has 39 digital-only chapters on important clinical and curricular issues and 90 state-of-the-art video clips. Loscalzo formerly was the Wade Professor and Chair of Medicine at Boston University. An associate editor of The New England Journal of Medicine for nine years, he is currently editor-in-chief of Circulation. His honors include the Research Career Development Award from the N.I.H. and the Glaxo Cardiovascular Research Award. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

1990s

Cecelia Haines Boardman, M.D. ’92, associate professor specializing in gynecologic oncology in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center, has been selected to participate in the 2008-2009 class of the Medical Society of Virginia Foundation’s Claude Moore Physician Leadership Institute. The institute helps physicians strengthen their leadership abilities and gain the skills necessary to improve health care in Virginia. The session topics are specifically focused on physicians and include patient safety and quality of care, community health, public policy, and executive management issues. Boardman also serves as secretary-treasurer to the Virginia chapter of the American College of Surgeons and to the Mid-Atlantic Gynecologic Oncology Society. She is married to N. Douglas Boardman III, M.D. ’92, associate professor of orthopaedic surgery at VCU.

OBITUARIES

B. John Ashley, M.D., G.M.E. ’31, Topeka, Kans., a former otolaryngologist and ophthalmologist, October 27, 2001. He established a specialized practice in Topeka in 1932. After he was qualified by the American Board of Ophthalmology, he became the first ophthalmologist in Topeka in 1941. In 1947, he went to India to practice cataract surgery in an eye hospital in Shirkarpur in what is now Pakistan. A former president of the Shawnee County Medical Society and the Kansas City Society of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, he was chairman of the Kansas State Advisory Committee for Selective Service of Physicians and Dentists from 1953 to 1961. He served in the Navy and held the rank of commander when he was discharged in 1946. He received the Balfour Jeffrey Award from the Stormont-Vail Foundation for his many contributions to medical care in northeast Kansas.


Theodore Livingston Hartridge, M.D. ’34, Madison, Wis., a retired surgeon; February 20, 2008. He took his internship at Philadelphia General Hospital, and was an otorhinolaryngology fellow at Washington University in St. Louis. He had been a professor at Baylor Medical College, where he established an ear, nose, and throat residency program. During World War II, he served in Gen. George Patton’s 3rd U.S. Army Medical Corps. He established battle-area hospitals during the Battle of the Bulge, for which he was awarded two Bronze Stars and five battle stars. He was one of the first American medical officers to examine prisoners at the Buchenwald, Cham, and Mauthausen concentration camps. After the war he served at the Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio. Following his retirement from the Army, he joined the surgical staff of the Jackson Clinic in Madison. He was a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otorhinolaryngology and of the American College of Surgeons.

J. Morton Orman, M.D. ’37, Wyncoate, Pa., a retired family physician; January 27, 2008. During World War II, he was a flight surgeon in the Army Air Corps at a base in Louisiana. After his discharge, he established a practice in Hatboro, Pa. Throughout his career, he delivered thousands of babies at Abington Memo-
and the history of medicine based
on medicine, a journal about medicine
contributor to Cornell Medical Center. In 1956,
a residency in both radiology
January 1, 2008. He completed
hickon Hospice of Philadelphia;
former president of the Wissa-
Richmond, Va., co-founder and
John L. McClenahan, M.D. '41, G.M.E. '40, Waverly, N.Y., a former der-
matologist; March 23, 2008. After
completing his training, he joined the Guthrie Clinic Sayre, where he was associate and chief of
dermatology until his retirement in
1981. He was elected to the
board of directors of the Guth-
rie Clinic Ltd. and was its vice
president from 1961 to 1975. A
fellow of the American Academy of
Dermatology, he had served as
president of the Philadelphia Der-
matological Society, the Pennsyl-
vania Allergy Society Association,
and the Pennsylvania Academy of
Dermatology.

31 years, he served in the Army
during World War II, then com-
pleted his residency in internal
medicine at Jefferson University
Hospital. For his entire career he
was on staff at Jefferson and Ger-
mantown hospitals.

John L. McClenahan, M.D. '41, Richmond, Va., co-founder and
former president of the Wissah-
ickett Hospice of Philadelphia;
January 1, 2008. He completed
a residency in both radiology
and academic medicine at the
Cornell Medical Center. In 1956,
he opened a solo practice in
Philadelphia. A former president of the Philadelphia Roentgen Ray
Society, he retired from radiology in 1983. He was an editor and
contributor to Transactions and
Studies, a journal about medicine
and the history of medicine based
at the College of Physicians of
Philadelphia. He published some
60 articles on both medical and
non-medical topics. He also wrote
two books and edited a third.

Richard August Brunner, M.D. '42, G.M. '49, Narberth, Pa., a
former psychiatrist, June 7, 2008.
As a naval lieutenant, he served in the
South Pacific in World War II

Henry A. Shenkin, M.D., G.M. '42, Haverford, Pa., a retired
neurosurgeon, December 8, 2007. He
was founding director of the neu-
surgical-research laboratory at
Episcopal Hospital. A former as-
soociate professor of neurosurgery
at Penn, he was also a professor at
the Medical College of Pennsylvania
and at Temple University. Af-
ter retiring in 1982 he wrote five
books, including Medical Ethics: Evolution, Rights, and the Physician
and Medical Care Reform: A Guide
to Issues and Choices.

Julius Ammons Howell, M.D. '43, G.M.E. '50, Winston-Salem,
N.C., a retired plastic surgeon,
March 13, 2008. In 1952, he
began his plastic and reconstruc-
tive surgery training at the Uni-
versity of Wisconsin Hospital.
His training was interrupted by
a tour of duty in the U.S. Army,
where he served as captain until
1953 and received the Bronze
Star. During his military service,
he was the personal physician
of Syngman Rhee, president of
South Korea. When he returned
to the U.S., Howell completed his
training in plastic surgery at the
New York Hospital of Cor-
nell University. In 1957, he
became an instructor in plastic
and reconstructive surgery at Bow-
man Gray School of Medicine, only
the second plastic surgeon
practicing in North Carolina.
From 1973 to 1979, he served as chairman of its section on
plastic and reconstructive sur-
gery. He chaired the medical-
legal committee of the Medical
Society of the State of North
Carolina and the constitution and
bylaws committee for the
American Society of Plastic and
Reconstructive Surgeons and pe-
riodically taught a medical-legal
course at Wake Forest University
School of Law. In 1995, a chair
in surgery was established in his
honor at Wake Forest University
Baptist Medical Center.

John Keyser Knorr III, M.D.,
G.M.E. '43, Newton Square, Pa.,
an obstetrician and gynecolo-
gist at Lankenau Hospital for 32
years; November 13, 2007. He
helped found Lankenau's Health
Education Museum – which
featured Pandora, a talking skel-
eton – and conducted classes for
expectant parents. He earned his
medical degree from Thomas Jef-
ferson University. During World
War II, he served in the Navy
Medical Corps in the Philippines.
After completing his residency in
obstetrics and gynecology at Pennsylvania Hospital, he
remained on the staff there for
several years.

John B. McDevitt, M.D. '43,
New York City, a former psychia-
trist; November 19, 2007.

Edith Torgan Penneys, M.D. '43, G.M.E. '47, Merion Station,
Pa., a retired psychiatrist; March 10, 2008. She completed her
residency in internal medicine at
the Mayo Clinic in Rochester,
N.Y. While maintaining a practice
in internal medicine at her home
in Merion Station, she became
fascinated with the connection
between her patients' physical ill-
nesses and their mental states and
decided to change specialties. In
the 1960s, she completed a resi-
dency in psychiatry at Pennsyl-
vania Hospital. She remained on
the hospital's staff and practiced
psychiatry from her home until
retiring in 2005.

James I. Wendell Jr., M.D. '43,
G.M.E. '47, Pottstown, Pa., a
retired pediatrician; December 2,
2007. He and his wife, Kathleen,
opened the first pediatric practice
in Pottstown, which was the first
specialist practice of any kind in
the town. During World War II,
he served in the U.S. Army, retir-
ing as a major.

Robert D. Krudener, M.D. '44,
captain in the U.S. Army Medical
Corps during World War II, he
went on to practice medicine in
Ridgefield, N.J., and became presi-
dent of the Bergen County Board
of Health. In 1970, he relocated
to Florida and worked in the
North Collier Hospital Emergency
Room before establishing his own
medical practice in Naples. He
retired in 1986.

Lester G. Steppacher, Jr., M.D. '44, G.M.E. '48, Philadelphia, a
retired surgeon; May 14, 2008.
He had a solo practice and was
associated with St. Mary Hospital in
Langhorne. Active statewide
and nationally with the American
Cancer Society, he had been a
trustee of the J. F. Kapnek Trust,
which supports a pediatric AIDS
fund for Zimbabwe. In 1995
he received the Alumni Service
Award from Penn's School of
Medicine in recognition for his
years of service as the Class of
1944 class agent.

Joseph Wallace Jr., M.D., G.M.E. '43, York, Pa., a retired otolaryn-
gologist; February 1, 2008. He
established a practice in Lans-
downe, Pa., in 1945 and served on
the staffs of Delaware County
Memorial Hospital and Penn's
medical school. He taught head
and neck anatomy for several years at Penn's Graduate School of

Albert C. Grunow, M.D. '46,
G.M. '49, Tinton Falls, N.J., Feb-
ruary 13, 2008. He was an Army
field doctor during the Korean
War. Most of his professional life
was spent as a medical executive
with Prudential Insurance Co. in
Newark.

Joseph H. Schaffer, M.D. '46,
Chestrut Hill, Maes., former
chief of medicine at Somervillle
Hospital, December 9, 2007. He
completed his residency at Boston
City Hospital and worked at Beth
Israel Deaconess Medical Center.
He was a physician at Somerville
Hospital until his retirement in
1990.

Hugh J. Triplehorn, M.D. '46,
Helena, Mont., a former surgeon;
November 1, 2007.

Samuel J. Fomon, M.D. '47,
G.M.E. '51, Iowa City, emeritus
professor of pediatrics at the
University of Iowa; December
18, 2007. He was in the forefront
of pediatric nutrition research,
especially on factors that influ-
ence food intake and growth. He
served as director of the interna-
tionally recognized Infant Meta-
Bolic Unit, which later evolved
into the Division of Nutrition
in the Department of Pediatrics.
His book Infants Nutrition is still
widely used. Following his retirement, the unit was renamed the Samuel J. Fomon Division of Pediatric Nutrition. He was also the director of the University of Iowa Graduate Program in Nutrition.

Max J. Fischer, M.D., G.M. ’48, former chief of the ear, nose, and throat division at Children’s Hospital, Washington D.C., December 15, 2007. He was chief resident at Georgetown University Medical Center before taking over the ear, nose, and throat practice of his uncle, Dr. Aubrey Fischer. He worked at Children’s Hospital for the next 55 years and retired in Spring 2007. In addition to running its otolaryngology division, he was also director of the speech and hearing department and helped establish the hospital’s first school for autistic children. He was an attending physician at Washington Hospital Center and was a clinical assistant professor at George Washington University Hospital.

George W. Moore, M.D. ’48, Venice, Fla., a retired urologist; August 1, 2007. He completed tours in the Navy and Marines, attaining the rank of lieutenant, and was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1951. He completed his internship and residency at Geisinger Hospital in Danville, Pa., and joined a urological practice in 1955. A former chief of staff at both the Jameson Hospital in New Castle, Pa., and St. Francis Hospital, he had also been president of the Lawrence County Medical Society.

Irwin L. Peikes, M.D., G.M. ’48, Blue Bell, Pa., December 3, 2007. He maintained an ob-gyn practice in Norristown from 1952 until his retirement in the late 1980s. He delivered more than 9,000 babies. A native of Canada, he earned a bachelor’s degree and a medical degree from the University of Toronto. During World War II, he served in the United States Army in the China-Burma-India Theater. He served a one-year internship and a three-year ob/gyn residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. A fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, he had been vice president of East Tennessee Ob-Gyn Inc. as well as chief of staff and chief of ob/gyn and surgery at Morristown Hamblen Healthcare Systems.

Richard Matzen, M.D. ’54, Pepper Pike, Ohio, founding chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic; February 24, 2008. He also chaired the clinic’s executive health program, conducting examinations of regional corporate executives as well as international corporation executives who traveled to the clinic. He wrote many articles for journals on preventative, pulmonary, and aviation medicine. After retiring from the Clinic in 1992, he often worked several days a week in the clinic’s Emeritus Office.


Raymond Krain, M.D., G.M. ’53, Villanova, Pa., November 7, 2007. For more than 40 years, he was on the staff of Lankienau Hospital, and he headed its dermatology department for more than 20 years. He was also chief of dermatology at Delaware County Memorial Hospital, and for 20 years he cared for patients at the former Valley Forge Army Hospital one day a week.


Alfred P. Bukavech, M.D. ’54, Morristown, Tenn., a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology; December 19, 2007. During World War II, he served in the United States Army in the China-Burma-India Theater. He served a one-year internship and a three-year ob/gyn residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. A fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, he had been vice president of East Tennessee Ob-Gyn Inc. as well as chief of staff and chief of ob/gyn and surgery at Morristown Hamblen Healthcare Systems.

Richard Matzen, M.D. ’54, Pepper Pike, Ohio, founding chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic; February 24, 2008. He also chaired the clinic’s executive health program, conducting examinations of regional corporate executives as well as international corporation executives who traveled to the clinic. He wrote many articles for journals on preventative, pulmonary, and aviation medicine. After retiring from the Clinic in 1992, he often worked several days a week in the clinic’s Emeritus Office.

and was the physician at George School in Newtown, Bucks County, until 1997.

William J. Sohn, M.D., G.M.E. ’54, Elkins Park, Pa., pediatrician; March 3, 2008. He had been a member of the staff of Abington Memorial Hospital for 52 years, and he had a private practice in Willow Grove. He received an award from Abington Memorial for his dedication to teaching residents.

Thomas B. Arnold, M.D. ’55, Bloomingwood, Minn., a specialist in internal medicine; April 3, 2008.

Sarle H. Cohen, M.D. ’55, Wynnewood, Pa., a retired internist and geriatrician; May 8, 2008. He interned at Graduate Hospital and completed residencies in pathology at Boston City Hospital and in internal medicine at Philadelphia General Hospital. From 1957 to 1959, he served in the Navy and directed the laboratory at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, N.H. He shared an internal medicine practice in Northeast Philadelphia for more than 20 years and later had an office in Wynnewood Heights. In 1980, he became the first medical director at Martins Run, a retirement community in Media. He retired as medical director of the life-care facility at Logan Square. A former president of the board of the Jewish Employment and Vocational Service, he had also been chairman of the Hassel Foundation, which provides support for medical and educational purposes.

Donald M. Thomas, M.D. ’55, Louisville, Ky., who developed one of the first departments of emergency medicine in the nation at the University of Louisville; March 26, 2008. Known as “The Chief,” Thomas served nearly 30 years as a fire surgeon for the old Louisville Division of Fire. As assistant professor of anesthesiology during his first decade at the University of Louisville, he became an expert in resuscitation. He was an advocate for the use of CPR, which had not been practiced in Louisville in the 1960s. In 1970, he was named medical director of emergency services for the old General Hospital.

Frederick Cohn, M.D. ’57, Albuquerque, N.M., a former obstetrician-gynecologist; November 28, 2007. He delivered more than 5,000 babies in Albuquerque during his 30 years of practice. He specialized in microscopic tubal surgery for fertility problems. A life member of the American Medical Society of Vienna, he lectured extensively throughout the world, served as an assistant professor at the University of New Mexico, and was invited to teach at Oxford University.

Miriam Molitch Kaye, M.D. ’57, Austin, Texas, a former psychiatrist; April 23, 2008. After earning her medical degree, she opened a private practice in her home in South Orange, N.J., while commuting to Manhattan four nights a week to attend the New York Psychoanalytic Institute. She was board-certified in both psychiatry and neurology. After seven years at the New York Institute, she left South Orange for Austin, where she became the first woman solo psychiatric practitioner in 1975.

Bruce R. Cowen, M.D. ’61, Edison, N.J., a retired physician; December 8, 2007. After interning at Womack Army Hospital at Fort Bragg, N.C., he spent two years in the Army, stationed at the United States Army Environmental Health Agency in Edgewood Arsenal, Md. In 1964, he settled in Edison and opened a medical office in general practice. Eventually board certified by the American Board of Family Practice, he practiced solo in Edison for 36 years, retiring in June 2000. He was a staff member of Perth Amboy General Hospital 1964-1967 and a staff member at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison from 1967 until his retirement. He served as the school physician for Metuchen Public Schools. In addition, he was the “well baby” clinic physician for the Edison Township Division of Health from 1964 to 1995 and the college physician at Middlesex County College from 1969 to 1983. Cowen was a charter fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Warren W. Nichols, Ph.D., G.M.E. ’61, Green Lane, Pa., a former professor of human genetics and pediatrics at Penn; November 19, 2007. He retired in 1999 as director of genetic and cellular toxicology at Merck & Co after 16 years with the pharmaceutical firm. For more than 30 years, he was associated with what is now the Cornell Institute for Medical Research in Camden, which investigates human genetic diseases. He was a professor in Penn’s School of Medicine in the 1970s and also at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

B. John Ashley Jr., M.D., G.M.E. ’62, Topeka, Kan., a former ophthalmologist; January 17, 2008. He earned both his undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of Kansas. He spent two years as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force before completing his residency in ophthalmology at HUP. He then returned to Topeka to join his father in private practice. In 1988, one of his sons joined the practice.


Jerome H. Grossman, M.D. ’65, Boston, April 1, 2008. He moved to Boston in 1966 to work at Massachusetts General Hospital and rose to be its director of ambulatory care. He then served as chairman and CEO of the New England Medical Center, now called Tufts Medical Center, for 16 years. During his tenure, the center added 100,000 square feet of research area, constructed an ambulatory-care building, added a maternity service, and opened a new emergency room and inpatient buildings. Widely recognized as an expert on outcomes and health-services research, he founded the Health Institute of New England Medical Center in 1988. He served as chairman of the Council of Teaching Hospitals and of the Academic Medical Center Consortium. He chaired committees for the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and led the academy’s President’s Circle for two years. He also was on the board of the Mayo Clinic and spent seven years on the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, three as chairman. Recently, he served as a trustee of PENN Medicine. For the past decade, he was at Harvard University’s Kennedy School as a senior fellow and director of its Health-Care Delivery Policy Program. In 1997, he received the School of Medicine’s highest honor, the Distinguished Graduate Award.


James A. Thomas, M.D., G.M.E. ’69, Longwood, Fla., a former anesthesiologist; April 15, 2007.

Thomas Moshang Jr., M.D., G.M.E. ’70, Blue Bell, Pa., emeritus professor of pediatrics and senior physician in the division of endocrinology at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia; February 24, 2008. After serving on the staff of Hahnemann Medical College, he was appointed adjunct associate professor of pathology and laboratory medicine in Penn’s School of Medicine. In 1983 he became the founding director of the Diagnostic and Research Growth Center at Children’s Hospital and served as chief of its endocrinology division from 1995 to 2000. His world-renowned research focused on the endocrine function of children who survive cancer, with a special interest in disordered growth and sexual development related to pediatric cancer and/or the therapies for treating cancer. During the 1980s he was involved in research trials of human growth hormones. Widely published, he was editor of the textbook Pediatric Endocrinology: The Requisites in Pediatrics. Moshang was to begin a term as president of the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society this spring. In recognition of his work, Children’s Hospital endowed a chair of pediatric endocrinology in his name in February. Moshang had also been named one of The Best Doctors in America.

Larry S. Eisner, M.D. ’74, Boca Raton, Fla.; March 4, 2008. He specialized in treatment of neurological disease in South Florida for more than two decades and
was a founding director of the Baumel-Eisner Neuromedical Institute.

John William Boor, M.D., G.M.E. ’77, West Chester, Pa.; November 26, 2007. He practiced neurology in Delaware County for 29 years and was the chief of neurology at Riddle Memorial Hospital in Media.

Patricia Kordek Maud, M.D. ’78, a former family practitioner, Villanova, Pa.; May 5, 2008. She completed an internship and residency in family medicine at Washington Hospital in Washington, Pa. She was then a clinician and medical director at Calhoun County Hospital in Arkansas and taught at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine. She practiced in Trappe, Medford, and Arlington, Mass., before moving to Villanova in 1987 and joining the staff of the St. Davids Health Center in 1987. She later was a physician at the Urgent Care Center in Havertown. She was with the Goshen Family Practice in West Chester from 1993 until 1996, when she interrupted her career to raise her family.

Joel D. Portnoy, M.D. ’03, G.M.E. ’04, M.B.A. ’07, Wynnewood, Pa.; March 3, 2008. A pediatrician, he practiced in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania for eight years. He had received an Independent Scientist (K) Award from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. More recently, he was a consultant for McKinsey & Company, where he specialized in business related to health care.

John R. Hoyer, M.D., Wynnewood, Pa.; December 30, 2007. An emeritus professor, he was a professor of pediatrics and of medicine from 1983 to 2006. He continued his research in bio-mineralization at the University of Delaware in the Department of Biological Sciences.

John Keyser Knorr III, M.D. See Class of 1943.

John S. “Jack” Leigh Jr., Ph.D., Philadelphia, the Britton Chance Professor of Radiology; March 10, 2008. Leigh earned his B.Sc. degree in electrical engineering in 1961 from Penn and was a defensive lineman on its football team. He earned his Ph.D. degree in biophysics at Penn and went on to become a pioneer as a researcher and educator at the University. He was appointed to the radiology faculty in 1971. He also held a secondary appointment in the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics. Leigh was instrumental in the founding of Penn’s Metabolic Magnetic Resonance Research and Computing Center in 1984 and served as its director for almost 25 years. The center has made significant contributions to technological advancements and biomedical applications of magnetic resonance. In addition to receiving several N.I.H. fellowships, Leigh was a Guggenheim Fellow at Cambridge University (1974-1975) and in 1999 he was inducted as a fellow into the International Society of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine.

Thomas Moshang Jr., M.D. See Class of 1970.


Henry A. Shenkin, M.D. See Class of 1942.

George W. Taggart, M.D. See Class of 1952.

Joseph Wallace, Jr., M.D. See Class of 1945.

Additional text:

Common Values, Uncommon Lives

From Arizona to Africa, during their 53 years of marriage, Avery Harrington, M.D., ’56, and Carolyn Beckenbaugh Harrington, C.W. ’52, have given generously of their time and resources. Many of their ideas and shared values – including a commitment to hard work, volunteerism, and philanthropy – were instilled in them by the University of Pennsylvania. Inspired by their appreciation of how Penn shaped their view of the world as well as their role in it, they decided to name the School of Medicine and the College of Arts and Sciences beneficiaries of their IRA.

“There are various convoluted ways to deal with an IRA in one’s estate plans, but dividing it among our favorite causes was simple and tax-efficient,” says Avery.

“We feel a great satisfaction in allocating some of our resources while we are still alive,” says Carolyn.

Over the past five decades the couple has led a rich and interesting life, and they credit Penn with giving them a solid foundation for their careers and volunteer opportunities. Carolyn feels she widening her horizons as a journalism major and staff member of the University of Pennsylvania. Inspired by her work, volunteerism, and philanthropy – were instilled in them by the University of Pennsylvania. Inspired by their appreciation of how Penn shaped their view of the world as well as their role in it, they decided to name the School of Medicine and the College of Arts and Sciences beneficiaries of their IRA.

“Their devotion to social issues led them to Arizona, where they worked for three and a half years on the Mojave and Navajo Indian reservations. Eventually Avery became a nephrologist and taught at the University of Wisconsin Medical School, while Carolyn wrote for various non-profit organizations. They also volunteered for a year at several rural hospitals in Zimbabwe, later returning three times for different assignments.

“Our Penn education has served us well, and not just academically,” says Avery. “The common values we learned have made us the people we are and gave us the rich experience that is our lives.”

“This is our way of saying thanks,” says Carolyn.

The Harringtons have chosen one of a multitude of creative gift opportunities that benefit both the School of Medicine and its donors. As you plan your financial future, the Office of Planned Giving is ready to assist in developing an appropriate strategy to incorporate your charitable objectives. Contact Christine S. Ewan, J.D., Director of Planned Giving, at 215-898-9486 or at PENN Medicine, 3535 Market Street, Suite 750, Philadelphia, PA 19104-3309. You can e-mail Christine at cewan@upenn.edu. Also, you can visit the Office of Planned Giving’s web site at www.med.upenn.planyourlegacy.org.