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NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 1958

A Happy New Year to all of you - more than 250 of you! Your many Christmas cards, often with photos of the next generation, and some with stamps (Lila and Eva tie for first place) are most welcome, especially with short or longer notes accompanying them. I wish I could write all of you individually for I am interested in ALL of you individually, but until the Sputniks can make a 48 hour day, it isn't possible.

This has been a fascinating year for many of us. Among the changes have been Bob Simner to private practice in Saratoga, Calif., Roger Bumgarner to Columbia, Mo., where he has a chance to carve out an anesthetic niche. I met Cecil Brown in the middle of a street in Albany, N.Y. recently when I thought he was in Scotland. Troy Thrower has started practice in Montclair, N.J.; Veronica Bakamjian is hard at work in Buffalo, N.Y.; John Sandison just wrote me from Copenhagen when he was supposed to have been in Scotland; Monica Aleniewski is at the Veterans Hospital in East Orange, N.J.; Cyril Taylor is with the University of Indianapolis; George Kennedy is in practice in Norwich, Conn.; Bernie Krasner on Long Island; Marilyn Kritchman, whom we miss from our attending staff, to private practice on Long Island. Ann Miller is with Bill Howland at Memorial Hospital; "Yoop" Bartels has left Bellevue for St. Vincent's Hospital for the moment but he has Western Eyes. Bernie Batt has recently taken on an Obs. and Gyn. Hospital in Mass. which of course makes me grin from ear to ear; Joe Trent is settled in Norwalk, Conn.; Jo Sarmiento is also with Bill Howland at Memorial Hospital; Jane Stark back in practice in N.J.; Carolina Ines has returned to the Philippines. I am sure there are many other changes I have missed - excuse please!!

From Lennie Brand, I hear that the N.Y. P.H. anesthetic alumni meeting was a roaring success. Do plan on this every year, in conjunction with the N.Y.S.S.A. Postgraduate Assembly. I went for a happy half hour but had to play the viola in a concert an hour later. Next year I hope to have time to talk with ALL of you, but lots of you met each other.

The STORK is way ahead of me, and I know I have missed many babies, but for incomplete reporting, there are new anesthesiologists in the following families - Bergman, Jacobs, Dick Weiss, Marvella Vanney Khoury (4); Otto Klunders (4); Gerry Savage (4); Schweiss, via Jutland; Chris Wolkenstein; Alma Dotto; Lauderdale (3) and many, many others.

And preliminary to the Stork, or other bird, may I record the following marriages - Monica Aleniewski, Sarita Goodman, Cyril Taylor, Stan Gould and Debe Johnson.

I had a number of fine trips and visits to old alumni friends such as Jake Israel in Syracuse, Lila Gairns in Albany, Sam Rochberg in Baltimore, Kingsley Bishop in Windermere, Fla., Fred Spitzhoff in Princeton. Aside from these friends, I visited Asheville, N.C., Portland, Maine, Chicago, Daytona Beach, Fla., Syracuse, N.Y., French Lick, Indiana; Binghamton, N.Y., Albany, N.Y., and Berlin, Conn. Nothing more than 1000 miles away - now endemic can we be!




I am thrilled at the thought that one of our anesthetic graduates' son is in medical school! Belmont Musicant is way up on my books in so many ways - after a two year residency, rugged through the war years, his first son was born, and now Mike is a Medical Student! He just better be a "hot shot" anesthesiologist! A letter from George Moonie in practice in Edmonton, Alberta, tells of seven men in group practice; a very special honor has come to one of our alumnae! Jean Henley has been conquering the Russian language every summer for some time at Middlebury College, and last year, acted as interpreter for a group of 20 or so young Russian doctors visiting this country. In May she is to leave, as the invited guest of the U.S. Government, for a five week visit to Moscow. She was the only American born female M.D. in the U.S.A. who could speak Russian! Congratulations!

A welcome addition to our attending staff this year is Charlie Wycoff, formerly of California. He first visited us in 1944, and now he is back for good, with his family of 7, yes 7 children. My, what material for the future. He also brought along six or seven beautiful colored movies of anesthetic technics he made with Hollywood help (technician, not what you think!). Charlie is working this year on cardiac failure and anesthesia; Herb Rackow and Ernie Salanitre on tissue acid-base problems, premedication in children, and respiratory problems, as are Shih-Hsun Ngai, Jack Frumin, and Norman Bergman; Seamus Lynch and Al Levy run around measuring ventilation, and taking bronchograms under various conditions; Lennie Brand and Les Mark are working with barbiturate metabolism, EEG's, etc.; Ray Fink has an affinity for the larynx, hypothermia and respiratory resistance. He and Jack have actually snared space for an anesthesia office and 'phone in Neuro., plus lots of equipment. Manny keeps everything running smoothly, and his ear to the ground on the Medical Board; Dunc Holaday and his team do thousands of blood analyses for us on the neonatal team, for hypothermia cases, and extracorporeal circulation patients. Present score are 6 survivals out of 20 attempts, almost all bad risks. Stan James, Irwin Weisbrot, Ed Prince, loaned from obstetrics, and Connie Berrien, R.N. are our newborn team. Never a dull moment with many acid-base balance studies in newborns, who have their aorta and heart catheterized within a few minutes after birth, via the umbilical vessels; several beautiful cineangiocardio-grams taken with our image intensifier, showing that blood flows through the ductus arteriosus in both directions normally, for at least 24 hours. We are using carbon dioxide intravenously or intraarterially for a contrast medium as well as iodine compounds.

Next June I expect to be at the A.M.A. meetings in San Francisco. Will any of you on the west coast, who would be willing to help a group of us teach newborn resuscitation (on recently dead babies) to the AMA medical visitors, write the committee chairman, Dr. Hulda Thelander, 3641 California St., San Francisco, and offer your services. We had a "three ring circus" at the Coliseum last June. Fifteen of us taught over 600 physicians how to ventilate and intubate dead babies! Then, in September, I expect to take a six month's sabbatical leave and study at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health - methinks I can do better teaching in the newborn field with that added background. Expect, of course to return to this department afterwards - but naturally!

Do stop and see us when you are in town, if you can find us among the maze of ventilators. Bring a physics book in your hip pocket - you'll need it. My very best wishes to all of you this year, 1958.

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