CAALENDAR

November 13 Lunch with the Doctor, noon, Rodger Elbe, M.D., Ph.D., Neurology, topic is familial tremors, Prairie Heart Institute, 619 E. Mason, Springfield, Carol Thomas, Surgery, 545-7133.

FYI

TV PROGRAM: The American Cancer Society (ACS) TV program Informing The American Cancer TV PROGRAM: FYI airs monthly at 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays on Springfield cable, Access 4, and is repeated at other times each month. On November 13, Beth Phelps, Surgery, will discuss lung cancer recovery and prevention. The series producer is Ruth Slottag, Public Affairs.

WREATH DECORATING CONTEST: SIU's Civil Service Council is organizing a holiday wreath decorating contest in Springfield. Entry forms are due by November 16. Wreaths must be on display by December 3 and judging will take place on December 4. For info, contact Beth Stooksbury, SIU P&S, at bstooksbury@siumed.edu.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS SET: “Treating Diabetes” is the topic of a free educational program, sponsored by SIU's endocrinology division, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Monday, November 12, in the Wedenberg Conference Center, Memorial Medical Center, 701 N. 1st St., Springfield. For info, call Ann Collins, SIU P&S, 545-8065.

“Alzheimer Awareness” is the topic of a free, educational program 9 a.m. - noon, sponsored by SIU's Alzheimer Center and the Alzheimer's Association, on Saturday, November 17, at MMC's Wedenberg Conference Center, Springfield. For info, call Leslie Randolph, Alzheimer Center, 545-7181.

MEDICAL HUMANITIES CHAIR NAMED: Ross D. Silverman, J.D., M.P.H., associate professor of medical humanities and psychiatry, has been named chair of the School's medical humanities department. He also is an associate professor of medical jurisprudence at SIU School of Law and co-directs the medical and law schools’ joint M.D./J.D. degree program. He joined SIU's faculty in 1998. Silverman earned his law degree and his master's in public health at Boston University (1995, 1996) and his bachelor's at Indiana University (1992). He is co-author of the two-volume text, The Law of Medical Practice in Illinois, 3rd edition. He succeeds Sharon Hull, M.D., who has been named chair of community health sciences at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine and Pharmacy.

DIALOGUE WITH THE DEAN: A series of employee dialogues with J. Kevin Dorsey, M.D., Ph.D., dean and provost, have been rescheduled. Sessions are Wednesday, November 28, 11 a.m., in Life Science III, Room 1059, in Carbondale; Thursday, November 29, 8:15 a.m., St. John's Pavilion, Room 3A155, and 1:30 p.m. in the 801 South Auditorium; and Friday, November 30, 10 a.m. in the 801 South Auditorium and 12:30 p.m. in the residency classroom (lower level) at the SIU Center for Family Medicine, 520 N. 4th. This is the eighth in a series of dialogues, which started after the Civil Service Council and CQI (Continuous Quality Improvement) Council suggested a regular forum. A CQI committee plans them twice a year.

EMPLOYEE HONORS: Suzann Welch, Information Resources, is the principal/administrative employee for the third quarter. Her nominator said “Suzann has an understanding and genuine compassion for her co-workers. She keeps the department's morale high.”

Mike Zoelzer, Education/Curriculum, is the November civil service employee of the month. His nominator said “Mike is an asset to the department. He balances the needs of the growing department with the constraints of the budget and has increased the department's morale.”

SERVICE AWARDS ANNOUNCED: The School of Medicine has honored more than 100 employees this fall in Springfield, Carbondale, Decatur and Quincy for their years of service.

15 years - Juanita Akers, Medical Library; Sharon Bennett, Teresa Benshoof, Ann Collins, Barbara Holtman, Wendy Sutheard and Sandra Walters, all SIU P&S; Karen Blakeman, Obstetrics/Gynecology; Carlene Boll, Jonathan Goldfarb, M.D., Stacy Miller and Brenda Rappe, all Medicine; Brenda Brown, Amy Hoffman, Katherine McMullin, Kelli Plessa, Sara Shaw, and Marty Wilson, all Surgery; Mary Carter, Pediatrics; Doris Casebeer, Pharmacology; Christine Hobrock, Education/Curriculum; Fran Kovach, Information/Communication Services; Brian McClosey, Management/Budget; Kathleen Miller, M.D., Family/Community Medicine-Decatur; Vickram Ramkumar, Ph.D., Pharmacology; and Linda Savage, Family/Community Medicine-Quincy. The ten-year employees will be announced in the next newsletter.

LECTURES & SYMPOSIA: Timothy B. McDonald, M.D., associate professor of anesthesiology at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, will present “Patient Safety” at noon Tuesday, November 13, in the Telehealth Conference Room 1291, 913 N. Rutledge, Springfield, and teleconferenced to Lindegren, Room 310. For information, call Donna Peterson, Medical Education, 545-2103.

Adil Javed, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of neurology at the University of Chicago Medical Center, will present “Davic's Disease: A Variant of MS” at Neurology Grand Rounds 3 p.m. Tuesday, November 13, in Memorial Medical Center's Room G10A. For information, call Stacey Dill, Neurology, 545-0168.
COMMUNITY CORNER

ENOS UPDATE: Thanks to the Surgery department for the donation of $5,000 to Enos School in Springfield to help subsidize field trips. Thanks to the Enos readers for the 2007-08 school year: Stacy Bond, Human Resources; Anna Evans, general counsel; Gloria Yunker and Suzann Welch, both Information Resources; and Charlotte McPeek, Pediatrics. If you’d like to become a reader, call Julie Robbs, Family/Community Medicine, 545-0200.

Public Affairs has activated a new Web page about Enos School, our Adopt-A-School. The direct link is www.siumed.edu/news/Enos.html.

ROTARY CITRUS DRIVE: The Springfield Rotary Club is selling Florida oranges and grapefruit. Oranges or grapefruits are $35 for a 40 lb. case or $20 for a 20 lb. case; a mixed case is $40 for 40 lb. or $25 for 20 lb. Orders must be placed by November 16 and deliveries will be made December 7. Camp COCO is a frequent beneficiary of the proceeds from the sale. For info, contact Sheryl Lloyd, External Affairs, 545-8515, or slloyd@siumed.edu.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER COMMUNITY TALKS:
Robert Mocharnuk, M.D., Medicine, spoke on breast cancer to the Rotary Club; Katherine Hild-Mosley, M.D., Obstetrics/Gynecology, spoke on pre-natal care to students at Southeast High School; and Ron Zec, Ph.D., Neurology, spoke about memory and aging to members of the South Side Christian Church.

POINSETTIAS AVAILABLE: ThinkFirst is taking orders for poinsettias and Christmas cacti in various sizes and colors with prices ranging from $5 to $25. Deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 28. For info, call Mary Kay Reed, Surgery, 545-9112 or at mreed@siumed.edu. Order forms also can be downloaded at www.siumed.edu/thinkfirst.

CMN UPDATES: More than $7,000 will be donated by SIU medical school employees to the Children’s Miracle Network as a result of the radiothon sale of 26 fantastic baskets. Kudos to those who created the baskets and also to those who purchased tickets.

WDBR-FM 103.7 and Citizens Equity First Credit Union are presenting “Care for Kids Radiothon” to benefit Children’s Miracle Network. The radiothon is 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, November 15-16, and 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday, November 17. Volunteers are needed to answer the phones. For information or to volunteer for the radiothon, call Farah Salim, CMN, 544-5353 ext. 45722.

NEWS BRIEFS


PRESENTATIONS: Susan Hingle, M.D., Medicine, presented several times in October: “Poor Communication: The Root of All Problems” at the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine meeting in Minneapolis; “An Innovative Longitudinal Communications Curriculum for Internal Medicine Residents” at the Communication in Healthcare international conference in Charleston, S.C.; “Medical Students as Teachers: An Often Utilized but Untrained Resource,” “Teaching Professional Attitudes and Conduct: An Interactive Approach” and “Utilizing Standardized Patients to Open Problem Based Learning Case Modules,” all at the Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine national meeting in Pittsburgh.

Don Scott, M.D., Medicine, presented “Promote Health for Seniors: A Computer-Based Health Screening and Education Kiosk for Use by Older Adults with Diabetes in Clinic” at the Society of General Internal Medicine regional meeting in Chicago in September; and “Evaluation of an Observed Structured Teaching Exercise Module for 4th-Year Medical Students” at the Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine national meeting in Pittsburgh in October.

STAFF UPDATES: Welcome to Donna Beeman, nurse, Medicine; Michelle Calhoun and Gayla Rose, customer service representative, Information Resources; Connie Griffin, clerk, Obstetrics/Gynecology; Connie Heuschober, assistant provost, Financial Affairs; Judith Ingram and Christina Moos, both nurses, Medicine; Susan Martin, office systems specialist, Pediatrics; Kelly Pierceall, clerical assistant, Family/Community Medicine-Quincy; Gulshan Singh, researcher, Medical Microbiology/Immunology/Cell Biology; George Trello, image processing technician, Information Resources; and Virginia Zahn, social worker, Medicine. Farewell to Jo Ellen Davis and Ebonie Hunter, both Pediatrics; and Gerealice Hartig, Psychiatry (retirement).