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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

Events to Know

January

13 Ethics in Medicine, Dr. Richard Castriotta, "Ethical Problems in the Interactions of Physicians and Families," noon, MSB 2.006.

15 Town Hall Meeting, noon, MSB 2.135. Anonymous e-mail questions can be sent to <Alexis.L.Basha@uth.tmc.edu>.

Bridging Grants Due. Send to **Dr. John Byrne**, MSB 7.046.

16 Memorial Hermann Blood Drive, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m., Hermann Pavilion, Atrium, Ground Floor.

21 Wealth Management Class, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., 6655 Travis, Suite 490. Call 713-500-3279.

22 Annual Meeting of MSRDP Members, 4 p.m., MSB 2.103. MSRDP members and clinical faculty are invited to attend.

February

6 "Greatest Minds" Competition, 7-9 p.m., Houston Community College, West Loop Center. Prizes to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. Proceeds to benefit Literacy Advance of Houston. For more information, visit <literacyadvancehouston.org>.

UTMost Interest

The Medical School's Graduate Medical Education program received continuing full accreditation for five years from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)...**Dr. Robert Yetman**, Pediatrics, was quoted in *American Medical News*, on pentavalent vaccine for children...**Dr. Virginia Moyer**, Pediatrics, has been appointed to the US Preventive Services Task Force.

CORRECTION - The third UT-H student to receive a scholarship at a recent Hispanic American Association of Houston event was **Magdalena Peixoto**, along with **Emily Marie Triana** and **Manuel M. Reyes**.

JUANITA ROMANS APPOINTED NEW MHH CEO

Juanita Romans is the first registered nurse to join the ranks of Memorial Hermann CEOs and the first woman appointed to the organization's senior executive council. Named as senior vice president of Memorial Hermann Healthcare System and chief executive officer of Memorial Hermann Hospital Jan. 6 by Memorial Hermann Healthcare System President and CEO **Daniel J. Wolterman**, Romans has nearly 20 years of clinical and administrative experience.



Juanita Romans

Prior to joining Memorial Hermann in May 2001, she had been an executive vice president with Evanston Northwestern Healthcare, a three-hospital system affiliated with Northwestern University Medical School in Evanston, Ill. She holds a master of science degree in nursing.

"I am very pleased to learn of the appointment of Ms. Juanita Romans," said **Dean Max Buja**, who was on the search committee. In the last year and a half, Ms. Romans has done an outstanding job as the chief

operating officer at MHH, quickly becoming attuned to the operation of a complex institution while dealing with the added complexity of responding to the aftermath of Tropical Storm Allison, which occurred after her first month of the job.

"Juanita Romans has gained my respect and the respect of many other faculty and private physicians at MHH based on her broad knowledge of the health-care field, her leadership abilities, and her interpersonal skills. Her extensive and varied experience, including work at other academic medical centers, will hold her in good stead as she assumes the CEO leadership role at MHH.

"I look forward to working with her in advancing the strong partnership that already exists between MHH and The University of Texas Medical School at Houston."

VOLLUM INSTITUTE INVESTIGATOR ON CAMPUS

As part of the Dean's Lecture Series, **Dr. Susan Amara**, a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator at the Vollum Institute for Advanced Biomedical Research of the Oregon Health and Sciences University, will address "Neurotransmitter Transporters: A Tale of Two Families," at 4 p.m. on Wed., **Jan. 15**, in MSB 3.001.

Her laboratory is exploring the structural and functional properties of excitatory amino acid carriers and the role for these carriers in regulating neuronal excitability and synaptic signaling.



Dr. Susan Amara



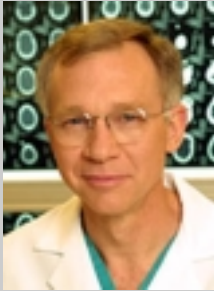
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LOOKING BACK

A FEW OF THE MANY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR THAT WAS - 2002



The National Institutes of Health awarded Dr. Guy Clifton \$15.6M toward hypothermia research (*Scoop* Aug. 23, '02).



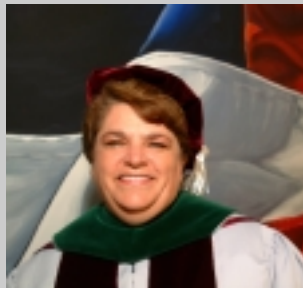
One of *Houston Medical's* stars, Latricia Thompson, finished her first year Medical School finals with a celebration (*Scoop* May 24, '02).



Dean Buja (r.), with Sher-Lu Pai and Anthony Sutton at the First Annual Scholarship Luncheon, on Nov. 4, '02.



Doctors Orchestra of Houston members with guest narrator, Barbara Bush, center, on Feb. 23, '02.



Nancy W. Dickey, M.D., a '76 alum of the Medical School, was inaugurated as president of the Texas A&M University Health Science Center on Sept. 12, '02.



Ellen Taft, Pediatrics, accepted a substantial book donation for the Texas Reach Out and Read Program from Wayne Rogers, a second-year Detroit Lions linebacker (*Scoop* July 26, '02).

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS - Roland

Wu, an MS IV, who will be heading into an internal medicine residency, was the 2003 recipient of a \$1,000 Gian Luigi Giannotti Endowed Memorial Scholarship in Rheumatology. "When I found out that I had received this scholarship, I was surprised and elated," Wu said. "I will continue to do my best taking care of patients and living up to the expectations that come with this award."



(L. to R.), Dr. Frank Arnett, Roland Wu, and Paola Giannotti

IN MEMORIAM - Dr. Alan B. Cooper, clinical professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, died Sun., Dec. 29. At his request there were no services. Mrs. Cooper has asked that any remembrances be made in the form of contributions to the **Harold Cooper Lecture Fund**, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, 1300 Moursund, Suite 206, Houston, TX 77030.

SCHULTZ WINS AWARDS IN CLINICAL SCIENCE & PHYSIOLOGY

Dr. Stanley G. Schultz, professor and vice-chairman, Department of Integrative Biology and Pharmacology, Professor of Internal Medicine; and holder of the Fondren Family Chair in Cellular Signaling, has been named the recipient of the 2003 Solomon A. Berson Medical Alumni Achievement Award in Clinical Science by the New York University School of Medicine. Dr. Schultz's basic research contributed to the development of oral rehydration therapy (ORT). ORT is credited by the World Health Organization with saving millions of lives annually in South America and underdeveloped countries. Gatorade and Pedilyte are based on the same underlying principles.

Dr. Schultz also has been named recipient of the 2003 Daggs Award from the American Physiological Society (APS).



Dr. Stanley Schultz

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