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PARKVIEW CARDIOVASCULAR SUITE

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THE PARKVIEW SUITE WAS INAUGURATED WITH A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY ON FEBRUARY 26TH, 2004. THE RENOVATION REPRESENTS COLLABORATION ACROSS DEPARTMENTS AND DISCIPLINES. THE PARTICIPANTS ABOVE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT INCLUDE: SATRICK UY (HOSPITALITY OPERATIONS), RICHARD F. DAINES, MD (PRESIDENT OF SLR), GEORGE J. TODD, MD (CHAIRMAN OF SURGERY), JONATHAN STEINBERG, MD (CHIEF OF CARDIOLOGY), JOAN G. SARNOFF (HOSPITAL TRUSTEE), ROBERT C. ASHTON, MD (DIRECTOR OF ROBOTIC THORACIC SURGERY PROGRAM), KATHLEEN MCGOVERN (VICE-PRESIDENT, DEVELOPMENT).



THE UPGRADED FACILITIES INCLUDE SPECIALLY DESIGNED BATHROOMS OUTFITTED WITH MARBLE FIXTURES EMPHASIZING PATIENT SAFETY.



THE DESIGN OF THE FLOOR INCLUDES MOTIFS HIGHLIGHTING THE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL. THE EASTERN ROOMS BOAST A BIRDS-EYE VIEW OF MORNINGSIDE PARK, CENTRAL PARK AND UPPER MANHATTAN.

A joint venture between the Department of Surgery and the Division of Cardiology reached a successful completion this spring with the opening of the Parkview Cardiovascular Suite on the tenth floor of St. Luke's Hospital. This suite of eleven private rooms offers accommodations for patients who desire upgraded amenities including concierge services, marble baths, new furnishings, entertainment centers and the availability of rollout beds for family members or friends wishing to stay overnight.

The suite was completely renovated including new flooring, wall coverings, furnishings, window treatments, nurses' station, family lounge and signage. The enormously popular facility has been at near capacity occupancy since it opened approximately four months ago.

"The need for an upgraded facility became apparent when patients and their families were requesting this option in increasing numbers," said Dr. George J. Todd, Chairman of Surgery. Funding for the project was provided by the Department of Surgery and the Division of Cardiology.

WILLIAM SAMSON, MD

JOINS THE DIVISION OF PLASTIC
AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

The Department of Surgery is pleased to welcome William Samson, MD to the full-time faculty in the Division of Plastic Surgery. He will perform surgery at both the Roosevelt and St. Luke's Hospital sites. His office will be in the Roosevelt Hospital Doctor's Office Pavilion on Fifty-ninth Street.

Dr. Samson was born in Johannesburg, South Africa. He obtained his undergraduate degree from Tufts University and received his medical degree from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He completed a residency in general surgery at the Cornell Campus of New York Presbyterian Hospital, after which he trained in plastic surgery at Emory University for one year and then two additional years at New York Presbyterian Hospital. During the past academic year, Dr. Samson undertook a fellowship in microvascular and breast reconstructive surgery at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He was recruited to our faculty by Dr. Mark D. Sultan, Chief of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals.



WILLIAM SAMSON, MD

Dr. Samson has authored numerous journal articles and book chapters. He has presented his work at prestigious meetings of the plastic surgical community including last year's annual meeting of the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery.

"In addition to being able to provide the full array of plastic surgical services, Dr. Samson has special training and expertise in reconstructive procedures following the surgical treatment of cancers of the breast and head and neck regions," said Dr. Sultan. "He is an important addition to our growing Division as we rebuild and reconfigure our program."



DR. SAMSON HAS PUBLISHED ON A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS RANGING FROM LYMPHOCYTE DIFFERENTIATION IN CANCER TO NEW TECHNIQUES OF RECONSTRUCTION WITH FREE TISSUE TRANSFER. HIS GROWING PRACTICE HAS AN EMPHASIS ON ONCOLOGIC RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY, MICROSURGERY, COSMETIC PLASTIC SURGERY AND BREAST RECONSTRUCTION.

THE HISTORY OF THE WILLIAM F. MACFEE, MD VISITING PROFESSORSHIP



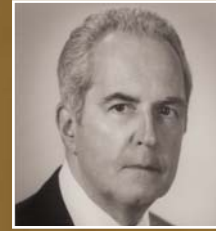
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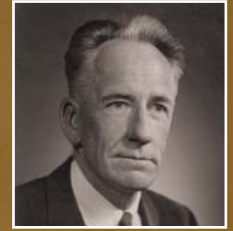
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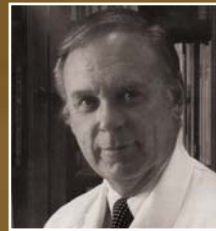
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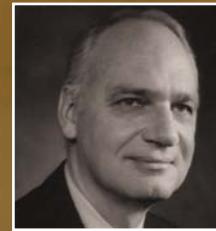
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SEYMOUR SCHWARTZ, MD
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LLOYD NYHUS, MD
1984



KEITH REEMTSMA, MD
1987



ARTHUR AUFSES, MD
1988

VISITING PROFESSORS NOT PICTURED: OWEN WANGENSTEEN, MD (1980), HENRY BUCHWALD, MD (1982)



DR. WILLIAM F. MACFEE FOUNDED THE ST. LUKE'S SURGICAL RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM. HE WAS A LEADER IN BATTLE DURING TWO WORLD WARS AND A LEADER IN NEW YORK ACADEMIA THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE.

William Frank MacFee, MD, was a distinguished surgeon, an educator and a revered mentor for generations of New York City surgeons. Dr. MacFee was conferred his MD from Johns Hopkins University during World War I. He achieved the rank of first lieutenant and was awarded the Croix de Guerre with a silver star during his first term of service. During World War II, Dr. MacFee was a colonel with the St. Luke's Hospital Unit. Initially, he was Chief of Surgery and then Commanding Officer during the campaign through France and Germany. He led medical teams responsible for backing up soldiers in the Normandy landings as well as those involved with treating the early casualties evacuated from Omaha Beach. Dr. MacFee received the Legion of Merit during his final assignment as Consulting Surgeon to the 15th Army.

Dr. MacFee was a Professor of Clinical Surgery at the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, at New York University and at Cornell. He served as Director of the Surgical Service at St. Luke's Hospital from 1939 to 1953. He served on a multitude of surgical societies and was responsible for many scientific discoveries, including a novel "MacFee Incision" for radical neck dissection. At St. Luke's he established a four-year surgical residency training program as well as other administrative innovations.

Dr. MacFee was later named the Chief of Surgery at the New York Veterans Administration Hospital, where he received the "Exceptional Service Gold Medal" for establishing an outstanding residency program. He retired from that post in 1966 and died in 1974. Two years later, St. Luke's Hospital honored the first MacFee Visiting Professor.

THE 2004 VISITING PROFESSOR ERIC A. ROSE, MD

The William MacFee Professorship in Surgery was an annual tradition at St. Luke's Hospital for twelve years (1976-1988). Many of our nations leaders in surgical thought visited St. Luke's during that period for two days of lectures and discussions. This tradition has been revitalized with the visit of Eric A. Rose, MD on May 11-12 as the 2004 MacFee Visiting Professor of Surgery.

Dr. Rose is Chairman of Surgery at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center campus of New York Presbyterian Hospital and Associate Dean for Translational Research at Columbia College of Physicians & Surgeons. Dr. Rose is a native New Yorker who graduated from Columbia College and the Columbia College of Physicians & Surgeons. He completed his general and cardiothoracic surgical training at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and pursued additional training in cardiac transplantation surgery at Stanford University before joining the surgical faculty at CPMC in 1982. From 1982-1993 he directed the cardiac transplantation service at CPMC. In 1984 he performed the world's first successful pediatric cardiac transplant. From 1990-1996, Dr. Rose headed the division of cardiac surgery at CPMC. He has been Chairman of the Department since 1994 and the Morris and Rose Milstein Professor of Surgery (Columbia University) since 1999. In January 2003, Dr. Rose assumed the additional role of Associate Dean for Translational Research at P&S.

During the past 25 years, his areas of research interest have included mechanical support of the failing heart, adult and pediatric cardiac allotransplantation, cross-species cardiac transplantation, high-risk reparative cardiac surgery and novel approaches to anticoagulation for cardiac surgery. From 1997-2004, he was the principal investigator on the REMATCH Trial (Randomized Evaluation of Mechanical Assistance for the Treatment of Congestive Heart Failure). This trial demonstrated, for the first time, that long-term use of mechanical circulatory support devices prolongs and enhances the quality of life in non-transplantable end-stage heart disease patients, i.e. devices can be used as not just a transplant bridge, but also as a viable "destination therapy."

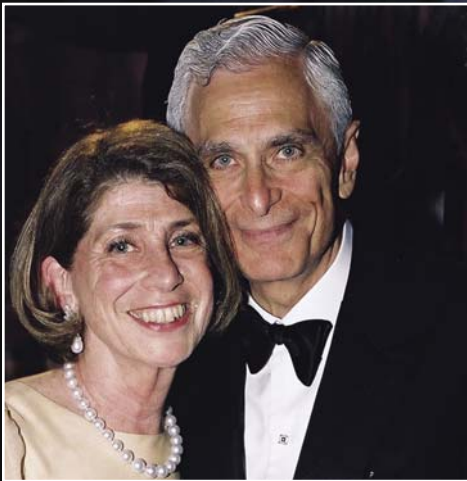


ST. LUKE'S - ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL
2004 MACFEE VISITING PROFESSOR
ERIC A. ROSE, MD, FACS

On May 12th, 2004, Dr. Rose delivered the William MacFee lecture at Roosevelt Hospital. The title of his lecture was "Translational Research: Bridging Discovery to Delivery." Other activities during his two day visit included presentations to Dr. Rose and members of the surgical housestaff by Drs. Ashton, McGinty, and DeRose of the attending staff and by Dr. Scott Belsley of the resident staff. Tours of the St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals, the surgical research laboratories at St. Luke's and the robotics and surgical simulation training lab at St. Luke's were also part of the Visiting Professor's itinerary. On May 11th, a dinner in honor of Dr. Rose was hosted by the Department of Surgery at the Harvard Club.

"The relationship between Columbia's College of Physicians & Surgeons and the St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals has been in place since the 1850's but has waxed and waned in intensity during these many years," said Dr. George J. Todd (Chairman of Surgery at SLR). "It is most appropriate that the MacFee Visiting Professorship has been revitalized by the Chairman of Surgery at Columbia and hopefully represents the start of an augmented collaboration among these venerable centers of teaching, research and health care delivery on the Westside."

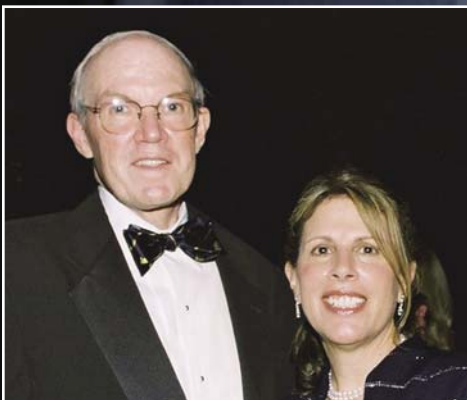
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MRS. JOAN G. SARNOFF RECEIVES HER AWARD FOR HER HARD WORK AND HER DEDICATION TO THE SLR COMMUNITY. SHE IS SHOWN AT THE SPRING GALA WITH MORTON P. HYMAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONTINUUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

In recognition of their years of service to the medical center community, Richard A. Marks, MD, FACS, and Mrs. Joan G. Sarnoff were this year's honorees at the Annual Gala of the St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center. More than one thousand people attended the event at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on May 13, 2004.

Mrs. Joan G. Sarnoff has been associated with SLR since she began as a hospital volunteer in 1966. She joined the Board of Trustees in 1978. Her award was presented by Morton P. Hyman, Chairman of the Continuum Board of Trustees, who cited her decades of loyal and devoted service and innumerable contributions to St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals.



RICHARD A. MARKS, MD, FACS IS SHOWN AT THE SLR SPRING GALA WITH HIS WIFE, RONI MARKS.

Dr. Richard A. Marks has been associated with Roosevelt Hospital for thirty six years. A native of Iowa, Dr. Marks graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Medical School. He completed his general surgical training at Roosevelt Hospital and a fellowship in vascular surgery at the Texas Heart Institute. He currently serves as Vice-chairman of the Department of Surgery and maintains a very active clinical practice. Richard F. Daines, MD, President and CEO of St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center presented his award. Dr. Daines noted Dr. Marks' many contributions to the Department of Surgery and Roosevelt Hospital during his long association with the medical center.

In discussing the award, Dr. George J. Todd, Chairman of Surgery, commented that "Dr. Marks exemplifies the finest attributes of a surgeon. He has the skill and judgement of a clinician with vast experience, a tireless and conscientious devotion to the patients who entrust their lives and well-being to his care, and a commitment to training future generations of surgeons. He is a team player extraordinaire- an exceptional asset for our department."



SLR DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY RESIDENTS WHO ATTENDED THE GALA POSE WITH DR. RICHARD A. MARKS (HONOREE) AND DR. M. DAVID TILSON (RETIRED CHAIRMAN OF SURGERY AT SLR).

Class of 2009

and the SLR Departmental Awards

Dr. John Afthinos earned both his undergraduate and medical degrees from Columbia University, graduating from College of Physicians and Surgeons in 2004. Research projects during his studies included evaluations of novel surgical approaches to the treatment of atrial fibrillation. Dr. Afthinos has also worked on collaborative projects with North Shore University Hospital and the Hospital for Special Surgery.

Dr. K. Michelle Dominguez graduated *cum laude* from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1999 with a BS in Psychobiology. Other honors accumulated include a Dean's Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Research, College of Letters and Science Honors and a Vincent P. Perna Scholarship awarded by Smithkline Beecham Laboratories. She earned her MD from the University of California, Irvine in 2004 where she was awarded the Outstanding Service Award. She has extensive research experience and has already authored multiple journal articles on the genetics of familial combined hyperlipidemia.

Dr. Sang Jho graduated *summa cum laude* from the State University of New York, Binghamton in 1997 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in the same year. He performed over two years of research at New York University, authoring multiple publications on the molecular action of steroids and wound healing. He graduated from State University of New York, Upstate in 2004.

Dr. James Ryan Nitzkowski graduated *summa cum laude* from the College of Mount Saint Vincent. He worked as a paramedic during college with the Metro New York Disaster Medical Assistance Team and was a first responder to Hurricane Floyd victims. In 2004, Dr. Nitzkowski graduated *cum laude* from the University of Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, after earning multiple research fellowship grants for his work on hibernating myocardium.

Dr. Keith Thatch earned his BS from the University of California, Davis in 1999 after being named an Academic All-American skier. He worked as a peptide chemist with Synpep Incorporated prior to his matriculation to Drexel University College of Medicine. He continued multiple research projects during medical school that encompassed clinical trials, laboratory benchwork and animal surgery to investigate cell markers of cardiomyocyte regeneration.



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THE FRONT AND BACK COVER CONTRAST TWO DIFFERENT VIEWS FROM THE NEW PARKVIEW CARDIOVASCULAR SUITES LOCATED IN ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL'S BABCOCK BUILDING.

THE COVER SHOWS A VIEW FROM A PRIVATE ROOM ON THE NEW TENTH FLOOR BABCOCK SOUTH. PRE-DAWN LIGHT WARMS THE NORTHERN FACADE OF THE 160 YEAR OLD SCRYMSER BUILDING.

THIS NIGHT PHOTO OF THE PARKVIEW PATIENT LOUNGE OFFERS GLIMPSES OF THE CLARK BUILDING AND THE RECENTLY RENOVATED 1090 AMSTERDAM BUILDING.

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