4th Annual Gala honors 1960s graduates of the College of Pharmacy

Pictured: Jan Bair (1961) and his wife Verla
Newsletter submissions

If you have announcements or updates that you would like to include in the Alumni Newsletter, please contact Marianne Jensen at Marianne.Jensen@hsc.utah.edu or Marion Lennberg at (801)581-7503, Marion.Lennberg@pharm.utah.edu.

Website

For more information on Alumni events, please visit the Association’s website: www.pharmacy.utah.edu or www.facebook.com/UofUCollegeofPharmacy.

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The University of Utah College of Pharmacy strives to develop supportive and caring pharmacists who give back to their community. One excellent example of fulfilling this mission statement is the annual USPA (Utah Students of Pharmacy Association) Gala. The Fourth Annual USPA Gala was held February 17, 2012 at the newly-opened Natural History Museum of Utah.

Student coordinators, Emmeline Tran and Robin Jamison, along with a team of six student chairs brought together students, staff, faculty, and pharmacists from the community to celebrate the efforts of the Maliheh Free Clinic and to honor the graduates of the College of Pharmacy from the years 1960-1965.

USPA was privileged to have three graduates (and their spouses) from the classes of 1960-65 in attendance -- Jan Bair, Class of 1961; Lane Call, Class of 1962; and Ronald Payne, Class of 1962.

According to the student representatives: “While there is still much to learn before we’re comfortably ranked among the alumni of this College, we’re confident that our education at the University of Utah will help us become practitioners that not only support their patients on an individual level, but on a community level, because of the exemplary caliber represented within and by the Alumni Association.”

In the months leading up to the gala, Emmeline and Robin attended several of the monthly Alumni board meetings and were met with interest and effortless support. Although the task at hand seemed daunting, Jeff Olson and his board stepped in to provide encouragement through words and action.

Generous donations to the silent auction and raffle came from several alumni members and were some of the most sought-after items at the gala. To name just a few, donations included:

- Dinner for eight at the Mandarin Restaurant (and a wok with signature sauces) was donated by Greg Skedros (Class of 1950)
- A knitting-themed basket was donated by Phung Matthews (Class 2008)
- A car lover’s basket from Everest Collision was donated by Abby Atherton (Class 2007)

In addition, USPA was honored to receive a monetary donation from an anonymous donor within the Alumni Association. Countless members of the Alumni Association showed their support through attendance that evening, enthusiastically bidding on items and purchasing countless raffle tickets. Although the totals of our fundraising efforts are still being calculated, we are quite happy to report that we’ve surpassed last year’s donation of $8,000 to The Maliheh Free Clinic. Our donation has grown each year thanks to the success of the gala, which certainly could not be where it is today without the sponsorship of the Alumni Association.

Thank you for all you do! (Submitted by Emmeline Tran and Robin Jamison, Gala 2012 Co-Chairs)
2012 USPA Student Gala Pictures
Opening the New Harmons City Creek Pharmacy

By Jameson Rice, Pharm.D.

Soon after acceptance into the University of Utah College of Pharmacy, I was hired as an intern for Harmons Pharmacies. Following graduation in 2009, I continued to work for Harmons as a pharmacist. Harmons is a family-owned, local grocery chain in the state of Utah.

This past year has been a busy one for Harmons since it opened three new stores along the Wasatch Front. Last spring, I had the privilege of becoming the pharmacy manager of the new Harmons in Farmington. Opening a new pharmacy and becoming a new manager came with many challenges, but the experience has been rewarding. With the added manager responsibilities, I have taken pride in the success of the pharmacy and staff. Opening a new pharmacy taught me many things I never knew such as: DOPL pharmacy inspections, supplies, shelving, initial drug inventory, alarm systems, and the amount of money required to fund it all.

Last month, I was able to apply my knowledge and experience of opening a new pharmacy and transfer to the Harmons City Creek store that opened on February 15th. Located in the heart of

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downtown Salt Lake City, this grocery store is one of the nicest and most unique of any in the entire country. There is much excitement over this new Harmons and the entire City Creek development - Downtown Salt Lake City has been revitalized!

I love the diversity of patients I am seeing in the pharmacy, which spans from the young to the old, the homeless to the wealthy, and people from all over the world. It seems safe to say that there will never be a dull day at this pharmacy. We offer a wide range of services for the health and wellness of our patients, including: a pharmacist consultation on every patient that receives a medication; state-of-the-art blood pressure machine (with a cuff that fits 97% of patients, the capability to store all blood pressure readings for access through the Internet, and a print-out listing the last 10 measurements along with the average); immunizations; A1C testing for patients with diabetes; wide assortment of OTC, herbal, and dietary supplements.

Additionally, we have a full-time, registered dietitian at Harmons City Creek, offering services that include one-on-one consultations, store tours, cooking classes, and more. It has been a pleasure to work alongside a dietitian, especially for patients with diabetes.

If you are in Downtown Salt Lake City area, stop by Harmons City Creek. You won’t be disappointed!

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Scholarship Match Campaign
The College of Pharmacy matching scholarship campaign has been able to help fund new scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year. We are pleased to announce the following new scholarships:

- Sophie Matthews & Greyson Matthews Scholarship
- Maura Garramone Memorial Scholarship
- Katrina A. Phillips Memorial Scholarship
- In Memory of Rodney D. Dunn and In Honor of Linda L. S. Dunn Scholarship
- Two additional scholarships have been funded but are not yet named
- Alumni of Snow College Scholarship (in process)
- Carey C. Cotterell Scholarship

The current offer for matching funds by the Development Office and Dean Ireland will continue through the month of March 2012. The Alumni Association is very close to our $10,000 goal. We have had great participation in this scholarship campaign and are very appreciative of all of our generous donors.

If you would like to establish a new scholarship or contribute to the Alumni Scholarship fund, please contact Ryan Boyack, Director of Development, at 801-581-8704 or ryan.boyack@utah.edu
It is of the utmost importance that professional pharmacists establish a relationship with state legislators so our voices can be heard when controversial bills are proposed.

Pharmacy’s Legislative Day at Capitol Hill on January 31st was a great experience for students, preceptors and alumni. Pharmacists, interns and technicians had the opportunity to participate in a myriad of activities throughout the day. The day’s activities included introductions on the Senate and House floors, poster presentations, attending and voicing opinions at the various committee meetings, individual meetings with local senators and representatives, a guided tour of the Capitol building, blood pressure, blood glucose and cholesterol screenings.

The poster topics were meant to demonstrate the value of pharmacists as well as addressing issues pertinent to public health. The topics presented by University of Utah students addressed Drug Shortages, Collaborative Practice Agreements, Pharmacist Provided Immunizations and Healthy People 2020. The response from legislators and the public was very positive; many legislators commented that they did not know all the skills and abilities pharmacists utilize daily.
While we voiced our opinions on the proposed legislation affecting pharmacists and healthcare, it is important we remain vigilant throughout the year. This year SB 161 has generated controversy; it was not even in committee in January. (Editor’s note: SB 161 passed both houses of the Utah state legislature and gone to Governor Herbert for his signature.)

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A special thanks to USHP, UPhA and the faculty, students and alumni of the University of Utah College of Pharmacy and Roseman University. If you would like more information contact cole.sloan@utah.edu or visit http://le.utah.gov
Utah “Red Rocks” vs. BYU Cougars Gymnastics Meet
The Alumni Association sponsored an alumni event at the Utah Women’s Gymnastics meet on January 27, 2012 at the Jon M. Huntsman Center. Nearly 50 Alumni, their families and friends were able to watch the Utah “Red Rocks” team compete against the BYU Cougars.

Although the outcome of the meet was never in doubt (Utah has not lost a gymnastics meet to the BYU Cougars since 1998), the in-state rivalry still added some intrigue to the evening’s event.

Utah was victorious - winning by a score of 197.55 to 194.45. Outstanding individual performances by the Red Rocks included Corrie Lothrop, who scored 39.75 in the all-around, and Stephanie McAllister, who scores 39.325 all-around.

The Utah team was ranked No. 3 in the nation at the time of the event.

College of Pharmacy alumni enjoyed watching the excellence of the Utah Red Rocks team in this second-annual event. Watch the Alumni Association website for information about next year’s gymnastics meet event.
The deadline for nominating fellow alumni for the University of Utah College of Pharmacy Dean L. David and Janet C. Hiner Distinguished Pharmacy Alumnus of the Year Award is fast approaching. The deadline for submitting nominations is July 1, 2012. The award will be presented at the College of Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony on August 24, 2012.

The Hiner Distinguished Pharmacy Alumnus of the Year Award is presented annually to an alumnus of the University of Utah College of Pharmacy who has demonstrated continued commitment to the College of Pharmacy and positively reflects the aims and academic mission of the college. Winners also exhibit a strong commitment to the profession of pharmacy.

Recent winners have exhibited all these qualities and more. Past winners include:

- 2011: Evan Vickers, RPh
  Owner, Bulloch Drug and Township Pharmacy
  State Representative, District 72
- 2010: Tina Aramaki, PharmD,
  Director of Pharmacy Services, Intermountain Health Care
- 2009: Linda Tyler, PharmD,
  Director of Pharmacy, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
- 2008: Nannette Berensen, PharmD,
  MBA, BCPS, Assistant Administrator, Primary Childrens Medical Center

To nominate someone for the Hiner Distinguished Pharmacy Alumnus of the Year Award, please submit a letter of recommendation describing how the individual fulfills the criteria detailed. Please include your name, title, and contact information, as well as the name, title, and contact information for your nominee. Please include a brief description of your relationship to the nominee.

Nominations may be submitted to:

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5121 S. Cottonwood St
Murray, UT 84157
jeff.olson@imail.org
Sponsoring a White Coat

As many of you know, each Fall the incoming Doctor of Pharmacy class is invited to participate in a White Coat Ceremony. The event marks the advancement of the student into the program and includes a Pledge of Professionalism. This tradition began in 2002 at the University of Utah and has continued with every class.

The College of Pharmacy Alumni Association began a new tradition with the incoming class in 2011. In an effort to connect our Alumni with the students, we began a sponsorship program where an individual may purchase the white coat for one or more students. The expectation was that this experience would promote a connection between a student and a practicing pharmacist and foster a mentoring relationship.

The results have been encouraging. All 60 incoming students received sponsors for their white coats in the fall of 2011. We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of our Alumni. The students thanked each donor personally and for many this began a relationship that will aid them in their careers. The students have indicated that this program has helped them as directly at finding intern positions; and as indirectly as simply knowing that there are pharmacists in this community that are concerned about their success.

We will be continuing this program for the upcoming class. With a $50 donation, you can provide the white coat for one of the new students. You may attend the White Coat Ceremony and meet the student you have sponsored. Additionally, if you know an incoming student you may specify the student whom you would like to sponsor.

You can donate directly at: www.pharmacy.utah.edu
- Click the “Give to the U” button
- Choose the “College of Pharmacy Alumni Association Operations” Account
- In the Special Instructions box, please add “White Coat Sponsor”. Your donation is tax deductible.

You may also contact the Alumni Association at COPAlumni@umail.utah.edu or call Ryan Boyack (801-581-8704) or Marion Lennberg (801-581-7503).

(For a complete description of the 2011 White Coat Ceremony see the Fall 2011 Newsletter. It is available at www.pharmacy.utah.edu/alumni/newsletter.html)
Recently, Drs. Diana Brixner (Ph.D. Medicinal Chemistry 1987; Professor and Chair – Department of Pharmacotherapy) and Joseph Biskupiak (Ph.D. Medicinal Chemistry 1985; Research Associate Professor – Department of Pharmacotherapy) returned to the College of Pharmacy from sabbatical (June 2011 – December 2011) in Hall in Tyrol, Austria (approx. 8 km east of Innsbruck). They were visiting professors at the University for Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology (UMIT; http://www.umit.at/page.cfm?vpath=index&switchLocale=en_US) in the Department of Public Health & Health Technology Assessment (HTA) working with Prof. Dr. Uwe Siebert at the Institute of Public Health, Medical Decision Making and HTA (IPH).

One of the major accomplishments during the sabbatical was the establishment of an ongoing collaboration between UMIT and the Department of Pharmacotherapy in the area of Personalized Cancer Medicine. The Department of Pharmacotherapy is now an academic scientific partner with UMIT on their research projects with Oncotyrol (http://www.oncotyrol.at/index.cfm?switch_locale=en), an international partnership between academia and industry to accelerate the development and evaluation of individualized cancer therapies, along with prognostic and preventive methods. This partnership between UMIT and the Department of Pharmacotherapy is currently working on two projects; 1) a chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML) patient registry in both Austria and Utah to develop predictive markers for response, outcome and cost-effectiveness and 2) validation of a breast cancer outcome model that predicts response to therapy. To partially support these research projects, UMIT and the Department of Pharmacotherapy have established a joint fellowship and filled the position with Dr. Kim Saverno, Ph.D., R.Ph. Kim got her PhD at the University of Arizona, and will be visiting our Department from Austria in May.

In addition to the Oncotyrol partnership, UMIT and the Department of Pharmacotherapy are collaborating on several other projects in COPD, distribution policies of warfarin and their impact on patient outcomes, modeling in HCV and the formation of an International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) task force for Health Technology Assessment in Personalized Medicine. It is envisioned that this collaboration will lead to both faculty and graduate student exchanges between UMIT and the College.
Beyond the academic collaborations that were built, there was also a kindred spirit between the mountains of Utah and Austria. The hiking in the Austrian Alps is spectacular, with mountain huts at the end of each hike. Here is a picture of a typical Hütte we visited in Central Austria in Hohe Tauern National Park of Austria. (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-3EwfSTvZc).

One of the spectacular dishes that would be served at many of the huts was called Austrian Kaiserschmarrn (Emperor’s Mess) (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaiserschmarrn). The dish was originally prepared for the wife of the Austrian Emperor Francis Joseph I (1830–1916), Elisabeth of Bavaria. Obsessed with maintaining a minimal waistline, the Empress Elisabeth directed the royal chef to prepare only light desserts for her. Upon being presented with the chef’s confection, she found it too rich and refused to eat it. The exasperated Francis Joseph quipped, “Now let me see what “Schmarrn” our chef has cooked up”. After finishing his and his wife’s serving, the dessert was called Kaiserschmarrn across the Austrian-Hungarian Empire. We really wish the Wasatch Mountains would consider setting up a mountain hut infrastructure, and serving Kaiserschmarrn!
Save the Date

May 4, 2012
University of Utah Graduation at 9:00am (Jon M. Huntsman Center)
College of Pharmacy Convocation at 11:30 am (ballroom of the Student Union Building)

June 5, 2012
Alumni Association Annual Golf Tournament.
Stonebridge Golf Club.  4415 Links Drive, West Valley City, UT 84120.
Shotgun start begins at 7:30am.

July 7, 2012
Utah Polo Classic. Salt Lake County Equestrian Park.
2100 West 11400 South, South Jordan, UT 84095

August 3-4, 2012
Alumni Association Annual Continuing Education Program.
Heritage Festival Center. 105 North 100 East, Cedar City, UT, 84720.

August 24, 2012
White Coat Ceremony for class of 2017.
3:00 pm at Rice-Eccles Stadium.

Sept. 12, 2012
Alumni vs. Student Softball Game.
Location TBD.

Oct. 3, 2012
Annual Alumni Banquet.
Guest House Ballroom.

Oct. 11, 2012
Alumni reunion in Southern California.
Watson Drug and Soda Fountain, 116 East Chapman Ave, Orange, CA.
Starting time 6:00 pm.
All Alumni are invited.
SAVE THE DATE

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 5, 2012

Stonebridge Golf Club
4415 Links Drive (2400 South Bangerter Highway)
West Valley City, UT 84120

Join us at 7:00 AM for breakfast and registration with a 7:30 AM shotgun start and scramble format.

The cost remains the same at $95.00, which includes:

Continental breakfast, cart, green fee, free range balls, & awards luncheon!

Registration and sponsor information will be available in March, 2012.
College of Pharmacy Alumni Association Presents:

Annual Alumni CE 2012

August 4, 2012
7:30 to 10:30 am
Heritage Center Festival Hall
105 North 100 East
Cedar City, UT

“Metabolic Monitoring and Atypical Antipsychotics: The Expanding Role of the Pharmacist”
Presented by Abril (Abby) Atherton, PharmD
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist – Mental Health

&

“Law Update 2012”
Presented by Dave Young, PharmD
Associate Professor (Clinical) University of Utah

Receive up to 2 CE credit hours

Save the date

Join fellow U of U Alumni for breakfast, CE, and discounted Utah Shakespeare Festival Tickets!

Friday, August 3 (Evening) – “Titus Andronicus” (20 tickets available)
Saturday, August 4 (Matinee) – “Scapin” (30 tickets available)

Register online at: http://www.pharmacy.utah.edu/alumni/News_and_Events/ce_event_2012.html
For more information contact Marion Lemnberg (marion.lemnberg@pharm.utah.edu; 801-581-7503) or Meagan Rockne (meagan.rockne@hsc.utah.edu; 801-581-7046)
In Memoriam

**Rodney D. Dunn** (Class of 1971) passed away December 16, 2011. Rod worked at the same family business, Millcreek Pharmacy, for 56 years; first with his father and later with his sons. He is survived by his wife Linda and sons Jeffrey (PharmD, 2001; MBA, 1996;) and Jason (BS, 1997) and eight grandchildren.

**J. Craig Jackson** (Class of 1960) passed away suddenly on February 14, 2012. After retiring from Intermountain Health Care as Area Director of Pharmacy Services, he served as Medical Director of the Utah Recovery Assistance Program and then served two terms as Executive Director of the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing. He also served as Chair of the Utah Board of Pharmacy, President of the Utah Pharmaceutical Association and as a board member of the Federation of State Medical Boards. He is survived by his wife Gretchen, six children and 17 grandchildren.

**Douglas W. Kulikowski** (Class of 1984) passed away suddenly at home on September 20, 2011. He is survived by his wife Doreen and daughter Bianca.

**Katrina Phillips** (Class of 1971) passed away March 27, 2011. She is survived by her husband John J. Phillips (Class of 1969).

**Stuart Turkanis** (Class of 1967) PhD in Pharmacology and Toxicology passed away on November 10, 2011 of complications from a broken hip. Dr. Turkanis was Professor Emeritus in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. He taught in the College of Pharmacy for over 30 years. In 2002, he received the Award for Distinguished Teaching from the College of Pharmacy. He is survived by his wife Denise and two children.

**Lawrence C. Weaver** - The first Ph.D. graduate of the University of Utah College of Pharmacy, Class of 1953, passed away peacefully on December 21, 2011. An innovative educator and scientist and dedicated University of Utah alumnus, Dr. Weaver was a graduate of the Drake University College of Pharmacy, Class of 1949, and dean emeritus of the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy where he served as professor and dean from 1966 to 1984, and again as interim dean from 1994 to 1996. Among the many awards and honors he received throughout his career, in 1989 Dr. Weaver was awarded the Remington Medal, the highest recognition given in the profession of pharmacy. Dr. Weaver and his wife, Delores, established the Lawrence C. and Delores M. Weaver College of Pharmacy Recognition Award in the College of Pharmacy at the College of Pharmacy's 50th Anniversary Celebration on April 18, 1997. They created the award to honor those who have contributed significantly and meaningfully to the pharmacy profession and advanced the College of Pharmacy's education, research and community outreach mission for the ultimate benefit of human health and well-being. He is survived by his wife, four children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.