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*Robert C. Lim, Jr. (1933- )*

Dr. Robert C. Lim, Jr., recognized for his outstanding contributions to the community and campus, won the UCSF School of Medicine Alumnus of the Year Award, 1997. A Professor of Surgery in the School of Medicine and Professor of Oral Biology in the School of Dentistry, Dr. Lim specialized in vascular and trauma surgery and liver transplantation. For the over a decade he was part of the Liver Transplant Team at Moffitt Hospital. Dr. Lim said that his greatest satisfaction has been "the opportunity to teach and counsel students coming through the School of Medicine." Dr. Lim served his internship and residency at UCSF and completed training as a fellow in vascular surgery at the VA Medical Center at San Francisco. He was also a fellow in thromboembolic and microcirculation at the University of Gothenberg in Sweden. Afterward, he briefly served as a staff surgeon at the SF-VAMC. He later became Director of the Emergency Department at San Francisco General Hospital, and then Chief of Vascular Service. Lim's surgical talent has been held in such high regard that from 1968 to 1989, he was on call whenever the President of the United States or other dignitaries came to San Francisco. Lim took a sabbatical in December 1990 when, as part of the US Army Reserve, he was called to duty for Operation Desert Storm to train medical surgeons in Tacoma, Washington, until May 1991. He has served on fifty-six UCSF and School of Medicine Committees, more than a dozen of which were search committees for department chairs. He has also served on the Dean's Advisory Committee for the UCSF-Fresno Program and the Housestaff and Student Affairs Committee. A guest lecturer and visiting professor at a number of other universities, Dr. Lim has published well over 100 articles, abstracts and papers, and is a current member of more than 25 professional associations. He is also a governor of the American College of Surgeons. Named in Who's Who in America, he has received numerous honors and awards, including those from the Chinese American Physician's Society, the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand, and the Youth Opportunity Program of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

*Maurice Galante (1919- )*

Dr. Maurice Galante was born on February 20, 1919 on the beautiful island of Rhodes, which at that time was considered part of Italy and now is considered part of Greece. He received his M.D. degree at Ohio State University in 1944, graduating with honors. He interned for one year at the Morrisania City Hospital in New York, and subsequently moved to San Francisco and the University of California, San Francisco, where he started a residency in General Surgery in 1945. Between 1946 and 1948 he was Captain in the Medical Corps of the United States Army and subsequently returned to UCSF where he completed his Chief Resident year in 1952. After completion of his training Dr. Galante was appointed to the UCSF faculty. He did research in various fields, including kidney transplant, closure of heart defects and vascular grafts. Under the guidance of Dr. H. Glenn Bell he soon developed a larger clinical practice of general surgery. The spectrum of his surgical work was wide, and the surgical problems he tackled diverse. He is one of the last of a generation of real "general" surgeons, those surgeons who could perform with the same technical expertise a parotidectomy, a gastrectomy, a pelvic exenteration, or a thyroidectomy. Dr. Galante's clinical skills cover all aspects of general surgery, but perhaps the area he loves most is surgery of the thyroid gland. He has been a leader at UCSF in the treatment of endocrine disorders, particularly those of the adrenal, thyroid and pancreas. During his 50 years as a surgeon at the University of California San Francisco, Dr. Galante trained at least two hundred residents; many of whom are today Chiefs of Surgery or Chairman of Departments of Surgery. These residents have learned much more than the technical aspects of surgery. Working with him has always been a course in medical ethics and surgical attitude. He is an example of a physician caring for his patients, always conscious that they are suffering human beings in need of help, rather than disease processes. In 1991, the first Distinguished Professorship of Surgery in the history of the Department was established and named in honor of Maurice Galante, as recognition for his unique contributions during a career which has spanned more than five decades and has continued under the direction of eight different Chairs. In 1992, the Dean of the UCSF School of Medicine, Dr. Haile T. Debas, was appointed the Maurice Galante Distinguished Professor of Surgery. In 1994 the Galante Annual Lectureship was established with Dr. Carlos A. Pellegrini as the first Maurice Galante Lecturer.

## **George F. Sheldon, M.D**

Dr. George Sheldon received his M.D. degree from Kansas University Medical School, earning the L.L. Marcell Award for Highest Academic Standing in Medicine. After an internship at Kansas University Medical Center, he entered service through the U.S. Public Health Service in the Uniformed Services branches of the Marine Hospital System. He served as senior assistant surgeon (lieutenant), 1962-1963, and surgeon (lieutenant commander), 1963-1964. Following service, he attended the Mayo Clinic as a fellow in internal medicine and then completed a residency in surgery at UCSF. A research fellow in surgical biology at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital at Harvard University (1969-1979), Dr. Sheldon returned to UCSF as assistant professor in the Department of Surgery in 1975, becoming professor in 1980. At San Francisco General Hospital, he was Chief of the Trauma and Hyperalimentation services. In 1984, Dr. Sheldon became Chairman of the Department of Surgery at The University of North Carolina, where he was named the Zack D. Owens Distinguished Professor of Surgery. He has been President of all of the major surgical organizations and the first non-dean surgeon to be Chairman of the Association of American Medical Colleges since 1879. A member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and a Charter Member of the Council on Graduate Medical Education, Dr. Sheldon is an acknowledged expert on health workforce issues. He holds numerous honorary fellowships, including the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and of England, the Colombian Surgical Association, and the Society of Black Academic Surgeons. Dr. Sheldon received the National Safety Council Surgeon's Award for Distinguished Service and was voted Distinguished Service Member by the Association of American Medical Colleges. In 2008, he was named Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumna by the University of Kansas. He is currently Director of the Institute for Health Policy Research of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Sheldon teaches an annual course on medical history at The University of North Carolina School of Medicine. He serves on the Faculty Council of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the Faculty Assembly of the University of North Carolina.

## **Gregory Buncke, M.D.**

Dr. Greg Buncke is a plastic, hand and microsurgeon. He received his B.S. degree from the University of California at Davis and his M.D. degree from Georgetown University in Washington, DC. He did his residency in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Stanford University, and completed a fellowship in Hand and Microsurgery at the Davies Medical Center in San Francisco. Dr. Buncke serves as the Director of The Buncke Clinic and Plastic Surgery Institute, Chairman of Plastic Surgery at the California Pacific Medical Center, and Assistant Clinical Professor at Stanford University and the University of California, San Francisco.

Since its founding in 1970 by Dr. Buncke's father, pioneering microsurgeon Harry Buncke, the Buncke Clinic has trained over two hundred clinical and research fellows and residents, twenty-seven of whom have subsequently become plastic surgery department chairmen or co-chairmen at leading medical and research facilities around the world. Over 400 articles, books, and chapters have been published, and hundreds of scientific papers presented globally. Under Dr. Greg Buncke's directorship, the Buncke Clinic continues to attract the best and brightest plastic surgeons nationally and internationally to teach, train, and lead.

Dr. Buncke is Board Certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery, and has a Certificate of Added Qualification in Surgery of the Hand. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a member of several societies, including the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery, the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, and the American Association of Plastic Surgeons.

### **John M. Erskine M.D.**

John M. Erskine M.D., a native San Franciscan, attended Harvard University as an undergraduate, where he was an oarsman on the crew. He obtained his medical degree at Harvard in 1945. After residency in general surgery, Dr. Erskine returned to San Francisco to practice, with an affiliation with Stanford University Medical School.

Dr. Erskine, together with Drs. Leonard Rosenman and Henry Silvani, was an integral part of the clinical and teaching program at Fort Miley, when, as a Dean's Committee Hospital, the consulting staff was assigned by the UCSF and Stanford medical schools. At that time, vascular surgery as a separate specialty was still on the horizon, and it was then that Dr. Erskine, together with Dr. Rosenman, made a stellar contribution by creating and operating the Northern California Artery Bank, which was located at the San Francisco Medical Society Blood Bank. It was the "freeze dried" homografts prepared at that facility that made aortic aneurysm replacements possible in the mid 1950s. The lyophilized arterial homografts were available to surgeons throughout Northern California for about three years, until synthetic grafts became available in the late fifties. Dr. Erskine's prodigious effort provided a bridge that led to the routine use of synthetic grafts. He published the details of the program in the Archives of Surgery in 1958.

While in private practice, Dr. Erskine was prolific in his contributions to the peer reviewed literature in several domains, including the vascular complications of trauma, surgical treatment of thrombotic occlusion of the aorta and iliac arteries, colonic stenosis in newborns, rupture of aortic homografts, acquired megacolon, and hernia through the foramen of Winslow.

### **Carlos A. Pellegrini, M.D.**

Carlos A. Pellegrini received his M.D. degree from the University of Rosario Medical School in Argentina. After training in general surgery in Argentina, he completed a second residency at the University of Chicago. He joined the UCSF faculty in 1979, and went on to develop and direct a center for GI motility. He was recognized on several occasions by residents and students for his teaching. In 1993, Dr. Pellegrini became Chairman of the Department of Surgery at the University of Washington in Seattle. In recognition for his role in the strengthening of all clinical, teaching, and research programs of the Department, he became the first holder of the Henry N. Harkins Endowed Chair, at the University of Washington. Dr. Pellegrini is a world leader in minimally invasive gastrointestinal surgery and a pioneer in the development of videoendoscopy for the surgical treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease and esophageal motility disorders, particularly achalasia. At the University of Washington he developed the Center for Videoendoscopic Surgery, the Swallowing Center and the Institute for Surgical and Interventional Simulation. In the area of medical education, he has been a major contributor to the fundamental reform of residency work hours. Currently, he is a Regent of the American College of Surgeons, a Director of the American Board of Surgery, and President of the Society of Surgical Chairs. He is a past-president of the American Surgical Association, was chair of the Digestive Disease Week (DDW) Council, and is the only DDW Council Chair to be elected to two consecutive terms. Dr. Pellegrini serves on several editorial boards, and publishes regularly in the field of minimally invasive surgery for upper gastrointestinal diseases, esophageal cancer, and related areas, as well as the field of training and new technologies for preparing surgeons in this field. His bibliography lists well over 300 articles, chapters, editorials, and books, as well as 12 surgical videos and movies.

**Jeffrey Norton, M.D.**

A native of Massachusetts, Dr. Jeffrey Norton graduated from Dartmouth College with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He received his M.D. degree from the State University of New York in Syracuse and did his residency in General Surgery at Duke University Medical Center. During his residency, Dr. Norton was a Clinical Associate at the Surgery Branch of the National Cancer Institute. After completing his residency, Dr. Norton returned as Senior Investigator at the Surgery Branch of the National Cancer Institute. He then served as Chief of Surgical Oncology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He subsequently moved to UCSF as Chief of Surgery at the San Francisco VA Medical Center. Currently, Dr. Norton is Chief of Surgical Oncology and General Surgery at Stanford University School of Medicine, where he is the Robert L. and Mary Ellenburg Professor of Surgery.

Dr. Norton's clinical focus is in surgical oncology, endocrine surgery, and pancreatic cancer. His research focus is on immunotherapy with interleukin-12. He has published over 300 articles in scientific journals and is on the editorial board of *Annals of Surgery*, *Cancer*, and *Cancer Research*. Dr. Norton is a member of numerous surgical societies, including the American Surgical Association. An outstanding teacher, Dr. Norton has received numerous teaching awards at Stanford University and at UCSF.

**Craig Lubbock, M.D.**

Dr. Craig Lubbock is a community general surgeon who has spent his clinical career as a Permanente Medical Group physician. He is currently Chief of Staff at Kaiser San Francisco and has oversight responsibility for its graduate medical education programs. A graduate of Stanford University and The University of Southern California Keck Medical School, Dr. Lubbock completed his surgical training at The Johns Hopkins Hospital and Stanford.

After joining the Permanente Medical Group in Kaiser San Jose, Dr. Lubbock came to San Francisco in 1981 as Chief of Surgery and was Program Director for Kaiser's independent surgical residency. In 1986, Dr. Lubbock partnered with Dr. Douglas Grey at Kaiser San Francisco and Drs. Haile Debas and Orlo Clark at UCSF to transition the Kaiser residency into an integrated hospital in the UCSF surgical residency program, and served as site director. He was active in resident teaching and collaborated with residents on several journal publications. More recently, his career has taken him on an administrative path.

Dr. Lubbock is an Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery and UCSF faculty volunteer. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgery and a member of the San Francisco Surgical Society. He and his wife Lynn live in Tiburon and have two adult daughters. Their younger daughter has a master's degree in public health and works for Dr. Debas in UCSF's Global Health Sciences. Dr. Lubbock contends that his daughter's focus on health concerns, including surgical disparities in East Africa, has opened a door for his post retirement planning.

**Robert Markison, M.D.**

Dr. Robert Markison is a solo practice hand surgeon in San Francisco specializing in the care of musicians. He is also an Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of California San Francisco.

He studied music composition at Juilliard while majoring in biology at Columbia University. He has studied the human fossil record under the guidance of paleoanthropologist Donald Johanson for the purpose of designing "hand-friendly" musical instruments and other tools.

Dr. Markison was Chief of Hand Surgery and Attending Trauma Surgeon at San Francisco General Hospital, 1981-1989.

**John S. Najarian, M.D.**

Dr. John Najarian earned his M.D. degree and completed his general surgical training at UCSF. He spent a year doing research in immunopathology at the University of Pittsburgh, and over two years in tissue transplantation immunology at Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation. A Markle Scholar of Academic Medicine, he also served as Director of Surgical Research Laboratories and Chief of the Transplantation Service, and then Professor and Vice Chairman of the Surgery Department at UCSF. Dr. Najarian was appointed Professor and Chairman of the Surgery Department at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, in 1967. In 1985, he was named a Regents Professor, the University's highest honor, and in 1986, endowed with the Jay Phillips Distinguished Chair in Surgery. In 2007, the John S. Najarian, M.D. Surgical Chair in Clinical Transplantation was established in his honor. Najarian forged one of the world's largest transplant programs, which has performed over 7,000 kidney transplants; more than 2,500 pancreas transplants; and hundreds of heart, liver, lung, islet, bowel, and combined transplants. Under his leadership, the Minnesota program pioneered innovative and difficult types of transplants, achieved unequalled success with diabetic, pediatric, and older patients, and made major research, clinical, and educational contributions to the field of surgery. Internationally, Najarian was admitted as an Honorary Fellow to the Royal College of Surgeons of England and achieved the highest honor possible in the realm of general academic surgery when he was elected President of the American Surgical Association (1988-89). He also was elected President and Vice President of the International Transplantation Society, and President of the International Pediatric Transplantation Association. Perhaps his crowning honor is the 2004 Medawar Prize for his monumental contributions to immunobiology, experimental transplantation, and clinical transplantation. Najarian has published more than 1,300 articles and several books. He continues as Professor of Surgery and Regents Professor Emeritus at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview, actively devoted to his main passion: patient care.