



# Foundation FEATURES



A Quarterly Newsletter from Dean Foundation for Health, Research & Education

## Annual Meeting Report

**D**ean Foundation's first annual meeting, held on October 19th, was a resounding success. Over 50 Dean Foundation supporters came to the Nakoma Country Club to enjoy a lovely meal and to hear various updates on Dean Foundation's activities.

The evening opened with **Dr. John Hamilton**, Chair of the Dean Foundation board, welcoming all attendees and providing an overview of the evening's program. **Dr. Leslie Taylor**, Executive Director of Dean Foundation, introduced Dean Foundation's new storyboards, brochures and pamphlets and briefly discussed each of the Foundation's signature programs including **Passenger Safety, Psychiatric Research, Medical Research, the Neighborhood Asthma Clinic, the Middleton Teen Clinic, Eduplast, Awareness Days** and the **Benevolent Specialist Program**.



Dr. John Hamilton and his wife Michelle.

**Dr. Michael Frucht**, Dean Foundation board director, gave a presentation illustrating the value of medical research in the Dean Health System. He pointed out the multiple benefits his patients derived from medical research including access to otherwise unaffordable drugs and opportunities to obtain potentially life altering treatments before they arrive on the market.

**Earl Thayer**, BSP Advisory Board member, followed Dr. Frucht with a very thought-provoking presentation on the BSP Free Clinic, its origins, our community's need for the free clinic and the role of Dr. Pelligrino in starting the clinic. He relayed the case histories of a number of BSP

patients, each of them grateful and thankful to be able to move on with their jobs, family and friends thanks to the volunteers of the BSP free clinic. He relayed his pride in being able to volunteer for a charity we could know intimately and trust completely. He urged each of us to be proud of the clinic and to honor it with our generosity.

Awards for **Dr. Ernie Pelligrino** and **Barbara Miller** closed out the program. Dr. Pelligrino was honored for his efforts and role in getting the BSP Free Clinic off the ground. Barbara Miller, former chair of the Dean Foundation board of directors was honored for her long-standing commitment to the board. Before stepping down earlier this year she had been on the board since its inception in 1986.

Overall the evening was enjoyed by everyone who attended and plans are already underway for next year's event.

## Spring Fund-Raising Concert Scheduled at MATC

On Saturday, May 6, 2006, **Madison Area Technical College (MATC)** is planning a concert at The Mitby Theater. Proceeds of this concert will go to support the **Dean Foundation Oncology Research Department**.

The conductor of the MATC Municipal Band, **Jeff Peronto**, and his band members will donate their time and talents. The event will also include a silent and live auction sponsored by Dean Foundation.

The Oncologists at Dean Clinic have been doing research since 1988, with funding provided primarily by a Federal Grant through the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (**ECOG**) along with a few industry studies. The benefits of having clinical oncology studies available are having the ability to use new drugs, approaches to surgery or radiation therapy, combinations of treatments or methods of treatments for cancer. Patients are able to get new treatments or the best available standard treatment for their cancer while being closely supervised.

We were fortunate to have participated in trials and have patients benefit from studies that were reported at the **ASCO** (American Society of Clinical Oncology) meeting this spring as being in the forefront of cancer research.

We think this as a fantastic way for the community to support cancer research at Dean Health System and become aware of all of the many programs Dean Foundation offers throughout the year. More details will be coming soon.

## FEATURED STUDY

### Diabetes, Heart Disease or "Metabolic Syndrome" Study

**Dr. Zorba Paster** is conducting research using a new investigational drug for patients who have diabetes, heart disease or "metabolic syndrome." Metabolic Syndrome includes some (or all) of following:

- Abdominal obesity (belly fat)
- Low HDL (good) cholesterol
- High triglycerides
- Elevated blood sugar
- High blood pressure
- Insulin resistance

Studies have shown that despite therapy with drugs that control blood pressure, reduce cholesterol and improve blood sugar, many still get heart attacks and stroke. The study is designed to see if this research drug reduces that risk.

Qualified volunteers receive study visits, procedures and tests at no cost. A travel stipend is also provided.

To learn more, call Brenda or Susie at 608-283-7320.

### AAA Wisconsin Funds Program Expansion



Dean Foundation is excited to announce an expansion to our **Passenger Safety Program**.

Beginning in the first quarter of 2006 we will be renting bases in addition to the car seats and booster seats we currently offer. This expansion was made possible by a grant from **AAA Wisconsin**.

Please contact **Sherri Faust**, Passenger Safety Technician at 608-827-2327 for more information.

## INFECTIOUS ASTHMA RESEARCH

### Why Research Infectious Asthma?

Asthma is believed to be incurable but a growing body of evidence suggests that the most severe forms are caused by infections that are curable by specific courses of antibiotics.

In cooperation with **Dr. David L. Hahn, MD, MS**, a Dean Medical Center physician, Dean Foundation has supported research into novel infectious causes for asthma. This research first raised the possibility that short-term treatments with certain antibiotics may significantly improve or even "cure" some cases of asthma and may improve asthma symptoms and quality of life without the costs and side effects of life-long steroid treatments that are the backbone of current asthma guidelines.

### Read More About Infectious Asthma

For patient success stories, see the website: [www.asthmastory.com](http://www.asthmastory.com). **Asthmastory.com** also contains a comprehensive listing of published research. Dr. Hahn is happy to share research progress with those interested in supporting this research. He may be reached by email at: [dlhahn@wisc.edu](mailto:dlhahn@wisc.edu).

### How You Can Help

Current research programs include studying the earliest manifestations of asthma in primary care settings to detect infections as a cause for asthma, and performing clinical trials of antibiotics in asthma.

Dean Foundation welcomes financial contributions of any amount to help find a cure for asthma. To make a tax-deductible contribution, make your check payable to **Dean Foundation**, note "infectious asthma" on the memo line and mail to:

Dean Foundation  
2711 Allen Blvd., Ste 300  
Middleton, WI 53562.

Please contact **Becky Johnson** (608-827-2312 or email her at [becky.johnson@deancare.com](mailto:becky.johnson@deancare.com)) with any questions regarding donations.

### 2005 Dean Foundation Service Awards

Five Years: Marjorie Walrath

Ten Years: Sharon Bailey, Peggy Dovi, JoAnn Nishiura, & Terri Roberts

Twenty Five Years: Brenda Gehin



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