

1920s

George C. Beattie, MD '43, retired from his orthopedic practice at the end of 2000, moving with wife Nancy to "a peaceful, pastoral and prosperous community" in the Valley of the Moon — part of California's wine country. They are very proud of their two sons who are working in neuroscience research.

Robert Francis Shaw, MD '47, completed the preclinical curriculum at Chicago and went on to Columbia University to found a new multidisciplinary division that awards bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in biomedical engineering. Shaw currently is a clinical professor of surgery at the University of California-San Francisco. Also, by cutting back on his full-time operating schedule, he has helped form several successful companies. A recent project for one company was to develop a less invasive biological method for resurfacing the articular cartilage in the knees with cartilage or cartilage-like biological tissue. The resulting product will be in clinical trials within the year.

Harold Plotsky, PhD '45, SB '47, MD '49, continues to practice child and adult psychiatry, as well as serving as medical director of the Episcopal Center for Children in Washington, D.C.

1950s

Bernard Barash, MD '50, writes that he always feels pride when asked where he earned his medical degree and that he is grateful for the medical education he received "at this great university."

George A. Spikes, MD '51, was named "Citizen of the Year" this past May in his hometown of Douglas, Ariz., where he has been practicing medicine since 1958 and has been involved in several educational, civic and health endeavors. For example, Spikes is a driving force behind Community Healthcare of Douglas Inc., a nonprofit organization that helped a local hospital circumvent bankruptcy.

Arnold L. Tanis, PhD '47, SB '49, MD '51, and wife Maxine recently visited Gainesville, Fla., with **Clifford W. Gurney SB '48, MD '51**, and wife Doris. Tanis still is active in pediatrics in Hollywood, Fla., as the senior partner of Pediatrics Associates, the largest private group in the United States.

Richard N. Baum, MD '52, is still in practice, but hopes to retire soon. He is enjoying many activities in the art world and will devote more time to them after his retirement.

Thomas G. Benedek, PhD '47, SB '49, MD '52, retired from practice in 1999 but continues to teach courses in the history of medicine in Pittsburgh.

George M. Davies, PhD '47, MD '52, is traveling, enjoying his three grandchildren and spending some leisure time in Lake Tahoe.

A. Yale Gerol, AB '48, MD '52, married Shona Angle in May 2001. He is a volunteer docent at the Art Institute of Chicago and the proud grandfather of 11.

Elsa Leiter Gordon, PhD '47, SB '50, MD '52, is keeping herself busy with husband Leon, who introduced her to water-skiing, snow skiing and golf. She also works for the board of a nonprofit children's agency and spends time with her four children and 10 grandchildren.

Seymour L. Halleck, PhD '48, SB '50, MD '52, has been working in forensic psychiatry in North Carolina.

Kenneth Hayes, MD '52, has traveled from coast to coast with wife **Janet Gray Hayes, AM '50**. He has maintained his spot on the senior tennis circuit, all the while remodeling a second home in Santa Cruz, Calif.

Morris J. LeVine, PhD '48, MD '52, retired from practice in January 1993. He has held clinical and faculty responsibilities at the University of Southern Florida School of Medicine in addition to teaching Middle Eastern archaeology and civilization to senior citizens. LeVine's recent historical work includes working on an archaeological dig in Sepphoris, Israel. Also, he and wife **Marilyn Fisher LeVine, PhD '48, SB '50, AM '51**, are helping to raise 17 grandchildren.

Leslie R. Schroeder Jr., SB '50, MD '52, has been busy conducting ornithology tours in Mexico and in Central and South America and attending ballet and chamber music performances in the Boston area, where he lives.

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Raymond W. Steblay, MD '52, currently is researching the relationship between an artist's health and his artistic product. Steblay's case studies have included a Renoir sculpture allegedly created after the onset of rheumatoid arthritis.

Weldon L. Thomas, MD '52, fully retired from the Wheaton (Ill.) Eye Clinic in January 2000. He and wife Juanita have been busy traveling, reading, volunteering and biking, as well as enjoying their 11 grandchildren and their great grandchild. He also has been learning to play the piano again.

Shamay Cotev, MD '57, is the chief of anesthesia and at Assuta Hospital in Tel Aviv, Israel. He has four children, all of whom are married, and 12 grandchildren.

David Lagunoff, MD '57, is a professor of pathology at St. Louis University, where he served as chairman of pathology and the associate dean for research until 1996.

1960s

Richard D. Heimbach, AB '56, SB '57, MD '60, retired from active medical practice, but maintains his visiting faculty status at Texas A&M University and the University of Texas. His current activities include "the three Gs: golf, gardening and grandchildren."

John L. Skosey, MD '61, PhD '64, recently joined the Illinois Bone and Joint Institute in addition to his work as professor of medicine at the University of Chicago and lecturer in medicine at Loyola University. Previously, Skosey was director of medical affairs and chief academic officer at MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn, Ill.

Ruth M. Covell, MD '62, is the associate dean and a professor of family practice medicine at the University of California-San Diego School of Medicine.

Members of the Alumni Council	Term Began	Term Ends
Lampis Anagnostopoulos, SB '57, MD '61	1996	2003
Desiderio Avila Jr., MD '03	2002	2003
Joel E. Bernstein, MD '69	1994	2003
Richard F. Gaeke, MD '73	2000	2003
Philip Hoffmann, SB '57, PhD '62	1993	2003
Keith A. Horvath, AB '83, MD '87	2000	2003
Keyoumars Soltani, MD	2002	2005
Patricia M. Martin, AB '74, MD '78	2000	2003
G. Robert Mason, MD '57	1995	2005
Daniel P. Mass, AB '71, MD '75	1997	2004
Charles Polsky, MD '96	2002	2005
Susan Scherer, MD '84	2000	2003
Coleman Seskind, AB '55, SB '56, SM/MD '59	1991	2005
Gregory A. Thomas, AB '81, MD '85, MBA '96	2002	2005
David H. Whitney, MBA '78, MD '80	2000	2003
Stephanie K. Williams, AB '77, MD '81	1996	2003
Rostik Zajtchuk, SB '60, MD '63	2002	2005
James L. Madara, MD, Dean of the BSD		

Edward B. Crowell Jr., MD '62, is the program director for the Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Program at West Virginia University in Morgantown.

Paul T. Davidson, MD '62, recently left his post as the director of tuberculosis control for Los Angeles County, having worked there since 1983.

Daniel A. DeVries, MD '62, is practicing general surgery in Grand Rapids, Mich., and continues to enjoy it, even after more than 30 years.

Herbert I. Jernow, MD '62, retired after 30 years of practicing internal medicine in White Plains, N.Y.

Herman E. Kattlove, SB '58, MD '62, practiced hematology and oncology for 19 years in Long Beach, Calif. In 1991, he entered the University of California-Los Angeles School of Public Health, earned a master's degree in 1992 and left his medical practice in 1994. Kattlove worked in disease management programs until 1999, at which point he joined the

American Cancer Society as medical editor, writing and editing cancer information for professionals and the public.

B.H. Gerald Rogers, MD '62, is still in private practice and while he is slowing down a bit, he is not quite retired. Rogers is a part-time clinical professor at the University of Chicago, where he sees gastrointestinal patients once a week.

Robert G. Stagman, MD '62, is enjoying retirement after 30 years practicing head and neck surgery. From his home in Seattle, Wash., Stagman currently is involved in pro-environmental activism and animal welfare.

Gary L. Gitnick, SB '60, MD '63, recently was elected president of the state medical board of California.

Julian J. Rimpila, SM/MD '66, was elected vice president of the medical staff at Grant Hospital in Chicago. He also recently published an article, "Probiotics in Health and Disease," in Chicago Medicine.

1970s

Eugene C. Corbett Jr., MD '70, lives with wife Susan in rural Virginia, where they enjoy the company of their two grandchildren. Corbett is on academic sabbatical for 2002-03 as the Petersdorf Scholar-In-Residence at the American Association of Medical Colleges.

John A. Schafer, MD '71, is a neurologist in Sacramento, Calif. He serves on the national board of directors for the American Heart Association and on the advisory board for the American Stroke Association. Schafer also co-chairs Sacramento's Operation Stroke Task Force.

Robert Hugh Waterston, MD/PhD '72, is the head of the department of genetics and the director of the Genome Sequencing Center at the Washington University School of Medicine. He recently was honored with the General Motors Cancer Research Foundation

Award for his seminal contribution to cancer research. He received the Alfred P. Sloan Jr. Prize for determining the first complete genomic sequence of a multicellular organism. Also, the University of Chicago's Medical and Biological Sciences Alumni Association honored Waterston with the Distinguished Service Award in May 2002 at his 30th reunion.

Michael William Penley, MD '74, practices radiology part time in the United States and spends his remaining time conducting medical missions in Kenya, where his wife Julie teaches in a public school.

Nathan M. Szajnberg, AB/MD '74, recently was appointed the Kreitman Visiting Professor at Ben Gurion University, where he lectures on "Jacob's Despair, a Psychoanalytic Exploration." He plans to use this lecture, along with previous lectures on Joseph, to craft a

book on fathers and sons and the architects of Judaism. Szajnberg will continue to research the transition of kibbutz youth to young adulthood.

Mark L. Friedman, AB '73, MD '77, recently published a new book, titled *Everyday Crisis Management: How to Think Like an Emergency Physician*. He is currently a clinical assistant professor of emergency medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago, president of the Medical Associates Group and a practicing emergency physician.

Mariel Ann Harris, MD '77, lives in Shaker Heights, Ohio, with husband **Dan Cooperman, MD '74**, who is as professor of orthopedic surgery at Case Western Reserve University. Harris practices geriatric and rehabilitation medicine in the Metro Health Medical System, part of the Case Western system. She recently served on a committee of the Ohio State Bar Association to revise advanced medical directories. The Harris-Cooperman household recently became an empty nest after their two daughters left for college.

Laurence Dean Kanter, MD '77, practices anesthesiology in Miami, Fla., and plans to slow down his 60-hour weeks to better enjoy life with his wife Debbie. Both his daughter Michelle and son Jonathan are in college.

Ralph W. Kuncl, MD '77, PhD '75, recently published a new book, *Motor Neuron Disease*. This past June, he assumed the posts of provost and professor of biology at Bryn Mawr College and professor of neurology at the University of Pennsylvania after 22 years of service at Johns Hopkins University. Kuncl was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the University of Chicago's Medical and Biological Sciences Alumni Association during Reunion 2002.

Regional Members of the Alumni Council

Los Angeles

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Richard N. Baum, MD '52	2002	2005
J. Robert Bloomfield, MD '52	2003	2006
Kathleen Kornafel, MD/PhD '85	2002	2005
Nir Kossovsky, MD '83 (Pasadena)	2002	2005
Norman Zinner, MD '58	2002	2005

New York

Jacqueline Moline, AB '84, MD '88	2000	2003
Paul Slotwiner, AB '55, SB '56, MD '59	1995	2005

Philadelphia

Julian Katz, MD '62	2002	2005
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San Diego

Richard L. Hall, MD '61	2002	2005
Morton H. Pastor, MD '56	2002	2005

San Francisco

Robert Adamson, SB '45, MD '48	2002	2005
Ivan Diamond, AB '56, SB '57, MD '61, PhD '67	2000	2003



Alumni Donald Steiner, SM '56, MD '56, and Robert Frazier, PhD '43, SB '45, MD '47, chat during an April alumni gathering at the "Chihuly in the Park: A Garden of Glass" exhibition at Chicago's Garfield Park Conservatory.

Linda Goluch Phillips, AB '74, MD '78, is head of the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and the Truman Blocker Chair of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. She is also the senior associate dean of the medical school and serves on the American Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and the Plastic Surgery Residency Review Committee.

William A. Phillips, MD '78, is the chief of pediatric orthopedics and scoliosis at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston and a professor of orthopedics and pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine.

1980s

Jun Ihara, MD '82, celebrated the birth of her first child, Valerie Aiko Wen Li, with husband Thierry. Ihara is working for the Southern California Permanente Medical Group in Fontana and has a volunteer faculty appointment as an associate clinical professor at the University of California-Irvine. Her Saturday mornings with first-year medical students remind her of her experiences at the University of Chicago.

Katherine L. Roscoe Levin, MD '82, PhD '78, lives in Indianapolis and works at Indiana University Medical School as an anesthesiologist. She has two children, ages 9 and 15.

Janice Lyon, AB '78, MD '82, has a private OB/GYN practice in Hinsdale, Ill., and has piloted a research project studying the relationship between breast cancer and women's underarm hygiene.

Glenn A. Call, MD '87, has been a staff neurologist for 10 years at Bayfront Medical Center in St. Petersburg, Fla.

David Ronin, MD '87, lives in the Chicago suburbs with his two daughters, the younger born on his birthday last year.

Jeffrey William Voss, PhD '88, recently was promoted to group leader responsible for genomics and bioinformatics at Abbott Bioresearch Center in Worcester, Mass.

1990s

Kathryn Ruth Damberg, MD '93, has begun her third year living in Hong Kong with her husband, two sons and daughter. Damberg has been enjoying more time with her family since she took a hiatus from practicing medicine.

Sean-Xavier Neath, AB '86, MD '97, PhD '94, is currently an assistant professor of emergency medicine at University of California-San Diego.

In Memoriam

Verrill J. Fischer, MD '37, died in March 2002 and is survived by his wife and an extensive family. He established his medical career in general practice and surgery, and was founder of the Medical Arts Clinic in Minot, N.D. A member and former president of the North Dakota Medical Association, he served on the State Board of Medical Examiners and delivered more than 6,000 babies during his career.

Vishanu D. Mullick, PhD '53, died in July 2001.

Noted Chemist Martin Mathews, 1912-2002

After a 30-year career researching basic biochemistry and biophysics, University of Chicago alumnus Martin B. Mathews, professor emeritus in the departments of pediatrics and biochemistry, and former faculty member of the university's Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Mental Retardation Research Center, died Feb. 6, 2002, from heart failure at his Hyde Park home. He was 89.

"His ideas on tissue repair and tissue remodeling were far ahead of their time," said Nancy Schwartz, PhD, director of the Kennedy Center and professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, and in the Committee of Developmental Biology. "Only now are we beginning to put some of those ideas into practice."

Specializing in connective tissue and the evolution of collagen and proteoglycan molecules, Mathews approached science from an evolutionary perspective. "He tried to understand why these molecules worked the way they did based on how they evolved," Schwartz said.

Mathews also pioneered the production of chemical and structural standards for glycosaminoglycans. "His work served as the bread and butter for the field," Schwartz said.

Born May 30, 1912, in Chicago, Mathews grew up in the Humboldt Park neighborhood. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry from the University of Chicago in 1936 and 1941. He then served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945, rising to the rank of captain. He returned to his studies at Chicago after the war, earning a doctorate in chemistry in 1949.

That same year, Mathews joined the faculty as a research assistant. During his career at Chicago, he advanced to full professor by 1967, serving 10 years before retiring as a professor emeritus in the departments of pediatrics and biochemistry. His academic pursuits include a year's sabbatical at King's College at the University of London.

Over the years Mathews wrote scores of papers and abstracts. He earned membership in the American Chemical Society, the American Society of Biological Chemists, Sigma Xi and the Society for Complex Carbohydrates.

During retirement, Mathews became more interested in the "philosophy" of science as a founding member of the Bateson Society. This local organization holds discussions about the work of Gregory Bateson, a biological anthropologist who studied how the mind constructs reality. Mathews also pursued sculpturing and mask-making with the same fervor.

"He thought everything in life was a form of a mask," which reflected his

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— Lawrence Pottenger,
Associate Professor of
Orthopedic Surgery

interest in epistemology, said Lawrence Pottenger, MD, PhD, associate professor of orthopedic surgery at Chicago.

Pottenger credits his longtime friend for leading him to the idea of teaching "Doctors as Helpers and Guides," an undergraduate course that has gained popularity over the past three years.

"He gave me the courage to think like that," Pottenger said. "He was all about helping people think."

Mathews is survived by Alma (Miller) Mathews, his wife of nearly 60 years; son James Mathews of Chicago; daughter Judith Mathews of Evanston; and grandchildren Ben and Anna Goldberger, and Noah Silver-Mathews.

Pathologist, human rights activist Robert Kirschner, 1940-2002

An internationally recognized authority on forensic pathology, police brutality, torture and child abuse, Robert H. Kirschner, MD, a clinical associate in the department of pathology and pediatrics and a founding member of the faculty board of the human rights program at the University of Chicago, died at the University of Chicago Hospitals Sept. 15 from complications of cancer. He was 61.

Kirschner's human rights activities took him to more than a dozen countries where torture, extra-judicial executions and mass killings had occurred. He was a forensic consultant to the United Nations International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, where he was involved in the exhumation of mass graves.

He worked with the U.N. Truth Commission in El Salvador, the Inter-American Court for Human Rights and other international human rights associations. He also helped develop the United Nations manual on the effective investigation and documentation of torture.

He believed strongly in using medicine to advance human rights and used his skills to fight repression and torture. He used his expertise on dead bodies to deal with live situations in a way that ultimately prevented a lot of abuse, suffering and death.

— Flint Taylor,
civil rights Lawyer

“Bob was always ready to juggle his schedule to go wherever he was needed, not always the safest places, and with very little notice,” said Susannah Sirkin, deputy director of Physicians for Human Rights. “He brought an unparalleled combination of scientific and technical expertise, and a deep personal determination.”

Kirschner also devoted considerable effort to the detection and prevention of child abuse, especially shaken baby syndrome. He frequently was consulted by police, attorneys and physicians about child abuse injuries.

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Born Oct. 30, 1940, in Philadelphia, Kirschner was the son of two politically active schoolteachers who passed on their passion for courage, justice and freedom. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Penn., in 1962, and a medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1966. He completed his residency in pathology at the University of Chicago in 1971. After serving in the U.S. Public Health Service from 1971 to 1973, he joined the faculty as an assistant professor in pathology.

In the early 1970s, however, Kirschner found that he “enjoyed the big ideas of research, but not the day-to-day grind,” and his interests began to shift from scanning electron microscopy of minute cellular structures toward criminal investigation of death. In 1978, he began to work for the newly created Cook County Medical Examiner’s Office as a forensic pathologist. The next year, while helping to identify the remains of the 273 people killed in the crash of American Airlines flight 191, he met Clyde Snow,

a renowned forensic anthropologist, who would involve him in investigations around the world.

Kirschner’s skills and experience performing an average of 500 autopsies a year as a deputy medical examiner from 1978 to 1986 and as deputy chief of the Cook County Medical Examiner’s Office from 1987 to 1995, made him an authority on non-accidental injuries and deaths — “not something,” he often said, “that you can learn from books.” He provided crucial evidence in many high-profile trials, testifying as an expert witness in more than 600 criminal and civil cases in 15 states plus federal, military and international courts.

In 1985, Snow recruited Kirschner to join a team pulled together by the American Association for the

Advancement of Science to investigate skeletal remains in Argentina. Kirschner and Snow collected evidence of widespread murder and torture, identified many of the bodies and trained Argentine students in the techniques of forensic science. Their evidence helped convict nine former junta members of human rights violations.

The trip also left Kirschner hooked on human rights work. In 1987 and 1988, as a volunteer for Physicians for Human Rights (PHR), he went to Kenya to investigate deaths in police custody — and wound up briefly in police custody himself. Trips soon followed to Czechoslovakia, Israel and the West Bank, South Korea and El Salvador. From 1985 to 2000, he was involved in 36 international human rights missions at the request of PHR, the Organization of American States, the United Nations or AAAS.

Kirschner served as chairman of the AAAS committee on scientific freedom and responsibility, was a member of the board of directors of PHR and established its international forensic program. He presented nearly 200 lectures around the world, received numerous honors for his efforts to support human rights in the United States and abroad, and was interviewed by CBS’s “60 Minutes,” ABC’s “Nightline,” National Public Radio, the BBC and Voice of America.

He was a founder of the Child Death and Serious Injury Review team for Cook County, a member of the advisory board of the National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome and a member of the board of directors of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. He also served on the editorial boards of three journals devoted to forensic medicine and child abuse and wrote chapters on the pathology of abuse in two of the major child abuse texts.

Kirschner is survived by his father Walter, brother Richard, sister Joanne Oppenheimer, wife Barbara, three children and one grandchild.