Message from Stuart Klein, Executive Director

The New Year brings thoughts of renewal and resolve. We find ourselves recommitting to goals or setting new ones. In doing so, we often look for sources of inspiration. This month we have plenty of inspiration to share, from new traditions being initiated to new treatments that provide hope. Please feel free to share with your friends and family. Thanks for reading.

Sincerely,
Stuart Klein

Treatment brings chance for cure and hope

The diagnosis of breast cancer didn’t come as a surprise to Dina Maugeri, age 47, because she could see and feel the lump. But when her doctor told her it was stage 4 breast cancer, she was shocked. “It was a real head trip,” she said. What the doctor saw was a small tumor on her spine where the cancer had spread.

She began looking into her options. Chemotherapy was a definite and she began the course of treatment at a clinic near her home. This would be followed by radiation, but she wanted to make sure she was
Community Calendar

Mark your calendar and join us when we are in a town near you.

January 14, 12:15 p.m.
Rotary Club of North Spartanburg
Marriott at Renaissance Park
299 N. Church St.
Spartanburg, SC 29306
Speaker: R. Charles Nichols, Jr., M.D.

February 26, Noon
Kiwanis Club
Damon’s The Place for Ribs
1640 Parkway
Sevierville, TN 37862
Speaker: Bradlee Robbert

February 26, 7 p.m.
Gator Club
Mudville Grille St. Nicholas
3105 Beach Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32207
Speaker: R. Charles Nichols, Jr., M.D.

February 27
The Prostate Cancer Support Group
Olive Garden
244 Hamilton Crossing Dr.
Alcoa, TN 37701
Speaker: Bradlee Robbert

February 28, 12:30 p.m.
Science and Engineering Lecture Series at JU
Jacksonville University
Reid Auditorium
Jacksonville, FL
Speaker: Zuofeng Li, D. Sc.

February 28
East Tennessee BOB Group
Tellico Village Yacht Club
100 Sequoyah Club
Loudon, TN 37774
Speaker: Bradlee Robbert

March 1
The Optimist Group
The Foundry Restaurant
747 Worlds Fair Park Dr.
Knoxville, TN 37902
Speaker: Bradlee Robbert

March 7
Pensacola Scottish Rite
Speaker: Randal Henderson, M.D.

March 26, 7 p.m.
Man to Man
American Cancer Society – Tallahassee
2619 Centennial Blvd.

Wall of HOPE

A selection of artistically designed wood blocks is on display during January with other patient-created art at Gallery 1037 located inside Reddi Arts, 1037 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville. The exhibit opened on January 9 with a reception from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and was attended by area residents, community artists, and UFPTI patients and staff.

The exhibit’s centerpiece is the artwork called Wall of HOPE. Influenced by Imagination Squared, artist-in-residence Barbara Holmes-Fryefield encourages patients, their families, staff, and artists to create artworks on 6x6 blocks of wood inspired by the word “HOPE.” An ongoing project, the goal is to display 1,000 individually crafted pieces of art. A finished wall of wood blocks gives viewers an opportunity to be lifted by the spirit of HOPE.

The University of Florida Proton Therapy Institute enjoys the artist-in-residence program to enhance the care of patients with serious illness.

The University of Florida Proton Therapy Institute is the only treatment center in the Southeast U.S. to offer proton therapy. Florida residents, as well as patients from the region, the country and the world, have access to a new cancer treatment option delivered in a supportive, healing environment. Effective proton therapy is delivered with all the resources of a non-profit, major academic health center.
Sneak peek at Aud’s Chime

Soon patients will have a new way to celebrate the completion of treatment. An eight-foot chime is suspended in the center of the main lobby atrium and will have its official unveiling and inaugural ringing on January 22 at 2 p.m.

The chime is called Aud’s Chime in honor of our first Australian patient Audrey Anderson whose family envisioned it a year ago as a way for all patients to commemorate the occasion of the final treatment day. Audrey will be the first official ringer, traveling back from Australia with her mother for the special event.

People on the move

We are pleased to announce the promotion of Trevor Fleming to Director of Technical Services. In this role he manages the radiation therapists and oversees day-to-day proton therapy and conventional radiotherapy treatments. Trevor has been with UFPTI since 2006 and participated in delivering our first proton therapy treatment. He has significant experience in radiation therapy and proton therapy in particular. He has been Chief Radiation Therapist at UFPTI since 2008 and has been instrumental in developing and implementing numerous technical improvements and enhancements. Congratulations, Trevor!

Linda Sackett joins UFPTI as director of development. She has extensive fund-raising experience for higher education, including the Oregon Health and Science University, California Polytechnic, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, and several other major institutions. Linda can be reached at (904) 588-1462, or via email at lsackett@floridaproton.org. Her business mail address is UFPTI, 2015 N. Jefferson Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206. Welcome, Linda!

Best wishes to Gary Barlow who served as our Director of Technical Services since 2006. He leaves us to join Texas Oncology as executive director of the proton therapy facility being built in collaboration with Baylor University in Dallas. He was instrumental in establishing a professional, proficient and caring team of radiation therapists at UFPTI. We will miss his dedication and enthusiasm. Congratulations, Gary!
Proton therapy: treatment for more than prostate cancer

Awareness is steadily growing about the benefits of proton therapy for prostate cancer treatment: excellent survival and quality of life following treatment. But many people may not know that proton therapy is used for many other types of cancer. Whenever a tumor is located in or near sensitive organs, protons may reduce the incidence of complications since they deliver most of their radiation in the tumor, sparing the surrounding healthy tissue.

At UFPTI we treat scores of tumor types in the following categories.

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Read more about the cancers treated at UFPTI by visiting our [website](#) or [click here](#) for a complete list.