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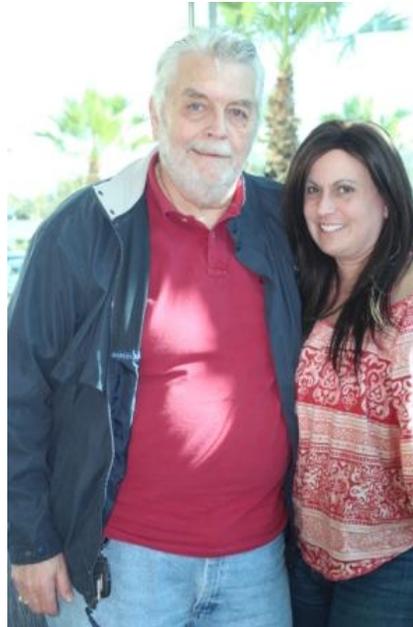
Message from Stuart Klein, Executive Director

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

future patients.

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.

getting the best kind. So she began researching different radiotherapy options by making calls and consulting with physicians.

Her father, an alum of UFPTI, Nick Perilli, age 79, saw an article in the *Precision* newsletter about the new UF metastatic cancer program and Vero machine at UFPTI. They called right away to get an appointment for a consult and learned that Dina was a candidate for treatment.

Dina had 10 treatments, once daily Monday through Friday for two weeks, on the Vero machine, a unique stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT) system that is able to track tumor movement while delivering a targeted high dose of radiation.

Dr. Roi Dagan, radiation oncologist at UFPTI and assistant professor in the UF Dept. of Radiation Oncology, was her physician and was able to avoid critical organs near the tumor in her spine. "Improved imaging, tracking and radiation delivery is opening up a new world of treatment possibilities for people who have early stage 4 cancer. Generally if there are five or fewer small metastases that have spread from the original tumor, we stand a good chance of stopping them from multiplying."

Going the extra step of seeking second and even third opinions led Dina to ultimately decide upon treatment on the Vero machine at UFPTI. "People don't realize you need to shop, you need to educate yourself. The options are out there. People don't realize they can be their own advocates." About the treatment, she knows there are no 100 percent guarantees, but she says "It gave me hope."

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-Fryfield 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.



Artist-in-residence Barbara
Holmes-Fryfield



Collective artwork conveys hope

April 10, Noon

Eastside Kiwanis Club
City Range
615 Haywood Rd.
Greenville, SC 29607
Speaker: R. Charles
Nichols, M.D.

April 11, 12:30 p.m.

Pleasantburg Rotary Club
The Phoenix Inn
246 North Pleasantburg
Dr.
Greenville, SC 29607
Speaker: R. Charles
Nichols, M.D.

If you would like a
speaker to come to a
group in your area, [click
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About This Newsletter

The *Precision* newsletter
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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!



Trevor Fleming, Director of
Technical Services



Linda Sackett, Director of
Development

area.

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.

bone cancer

brain cancer

eye cancer

head and neck cancer

Hodgkin lymphoma

lung cancer

pancreatic cancer

pediatric cancer

prostate cancer

sarcoma

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

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