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Dr. and Mrs. Davis

The couple were longtime residents of Gladwyne, PA; Dr. Davis passed away in 2002, and his wife Gail in May of 2006. Dr. Davis had a long and devoted relationship with Jefferson. His father, Warren B. Davis, MD, founded the Jefferson plastic and reconstructive surgery practice in 1913, and Wally was born in his offices at 135 S. 18th Street (where the practice remained until 1996). A 1942 graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Wally is described as the "quintessential Jefferson surgeon." He retired in 1988 but remained an extremely influential figure for his friends and colleagues alike. John Moore, MD, describes him as a "guiding light." "I inherited several of his patients," Dr. Moore explains, "and from bank presidents to the most underprivileged—everyone spoke of Wally with the same fondness, gratitude, and admiration. He was a consummate gentleman and a unique person who is greatly missed."

The 25th Century Foundation has made a significant contribution to the Pancreatic and Related Cancers Surgical Research and Education Fund. Lin Buck, a board member of the foundation, lost her mother Ann Hosterman to pancreatic cancer, just six weeks after her diagnosis. This loss inspired Lin and her husband Jim, whose parents established the foundation in 2000, to support Jefferson's efforts under the leadership of Charles J. Yeo, MD, a renowned alimentary tract surgeon and the Samuel D. Gross Professor and Chair of Surgery. The grant will support the development of Jefferson's Pancreatic Cancer Website, to provide patients and their families with tools to learn about pancreatic cancer and make informed decisions.

Anton H. Rosenthal (Tony) and Ruth E. Ganister, his wife and partner in the West Chester law firm of Rosenthal and Ganister, have pledged \$25,000 to the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery. The commitment is made in grateful recognition of the care and attention that Gerald Isenberg, MD, provided to Tony after his diagnosis of colon cancer. Tony and Ruth are also partners in the Camden RiverSharks and Long Island Ducks minor league baseball teams.

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Dr. J. Wallace and Gail G. Davis at home in the mid-1990's.

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- **Charles J. Yeo, MD**, Samuel D. Gross Professor and Chair of Surgery, is Editor-in-Chief of the latest (sixth) edition of *Shackelford's Surgery of the Alimentary Tract*, published in 2007 by Elsevier. Dr. Yeo also received the 2006 Distinguished Physician Award from the Hellenic Medical Society of New York.

- **Jonathan Brody, PhD**, has joined the Division of Surgical Research. He comes to Jefferson from Johns Hopkins University, where he was an Instructor in advanced programs in biotechnology. Dr. Brody's laboratory aims to optimize chemotherapy treatments for pancreatic cancer.
- **Lisa Marcucci, MD (JMC Class of 1991)**, has joined the Division of Acute Care Surgery. She recently completed a fellowship in Surgical Critical Care at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Marcucci's *Avoiding Common ICU Errors*, the second of an eight-book series, was published in December 2006 by Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins.
- **Keith Meslin, MD**, has joined the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery. Dr. Meslin completed a fellowship in colorectal surgery at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, CT, and several years in private practice before coming to Jefferson. He specializes in minimally invasive techniques.
- **Francis E. Rosato Sr., MD**, pioneering Jefferson surgeon, teacher, and chairman of surgery for 22 years died of blood cancer on October 18, 2006. For more information about Dr. Rosato, visit www.jefferson.edu/surgery/news.cfm.
- **Maurizio Iaria, MD**, a Clinical Fellow in the Division of Transplant Surgery, received the Young Investigator Award from the 2006 World Transplant Congress held in Boston, MA.
- A new virtual tour of surgical services offered by the department can be viewed online at www.JeffersonHospital.org/surgery.

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