NANCY TOMES TO DELIVER 14TH ANNUAL SAFFRON LECTURE
AT MEDICAL HISTORY MEETING IN PRINCETON

"Spreading the Germ Theory" will be the title of the 14th annual Morris H. Saffron Lecture to be presented by medical historian Nancy Tomes, Ph.D., SUNY at Stony Brook, at the annual meeting of the Medical History Society of New Jersey on Wednesday, May 19. The Saffron Lecture is sponsored by The Academy of Medicine of New Jersey. The program also includes a paper on Thomas Jefferson and two papers with a Civil War theme. The meeting will be held at the Nassau Club, Princeton.

Papers to be presented are:

"Paradigm in Anatomy"

Richard J. Wein, M.D., Surgeon, Private Practice, Passaic

"'A Statement of Causes:' The Court Martial of William A. Hammond M.D., Surgeon General"

Murray Rosenberg, M.D., Associate Professor of Radiology, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School

"New Jersey Cares for Civil War Veterans: A Model for the Nation"

Helen E. Sheehan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Sociology, St. John’s University, New York City
Richard P. Wedeen, M.D., Associate Chief of Staff, Research and Development, Veterans’ Administration Medical Center, East Orange

"Spreading the Germ Theory"

Nancy Tomes, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, SUNY at Stony Brook
Members, students and friends are invited to attend this dinner meeting. Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. The cost is $30 including dinner and a cocktail or soft drink. For information and registration, contact Lisa Fleischer, MHSNJ, Two Princess Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, (609) 896-1717.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Membership Committee’s campaign to attract New Jersey pharmaceutical companies as MHSNJ corporate members has been very successful. The Society welcomes the following new corporate sponsors:

Patron ($400)
Merck and Company

Sustaining ($200)
Johnson and Johnson
Pfizer Inc. (Roerig Division)
Sandoz Pharmaceuticals

Funds raised from corporate memberships are dedicated to special projects. It was unanimously agreed by the MHSNJ Executive Board that this year corporate gifts would be used to:

(1) Finance the honorarium and travel expenses (not to exceed $800) for a notable speaker at the fall meeting. The event will be called the Corporate Lecture Series.

(2) Award a secondary school student in private or public school in the amount of $200 as the winner of a pilot essay contest sponsored by the MHSNJ.

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The Society now has eight LIFE MEMBERS. They are Vincent J. Cirillo, Richard B. Middleton, Ph.D., Sandra Moss, M.D., Fred Rogers, M.D., Benjamin F. Rush Jr., M.D., Michael Schulder, M.D., William D. Sharpe, M.D., and Richard Wein, M.D.

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The MHSNJ has scheduled the fall meeting for Wednesday, October 20. Save the date! The first speaker to be supported by the Corporate Lecture Series will be presented.

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

Philip Rosenstein, University Librarian Emeritus of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), died on March 25. Mr. Rosenstein served as University Librarian and Director of Libraries at UMDNJ for 24 years until his retirement in 1990.

Mr. Rosenstein's tenure began in the Jersey City Medical Center when the University was known as the Seton Hall College of Medicine and Dentistry. Following a move to Newark, Mr. Rosenstein directed the growth of the George F. Smith Library into a nationally recognized major health sciences research facility. His vision for a statewide University Library System was realized during 1982-83 when the System was formally in place. UMDNJ Libraries now include: the George F. Smith Library in Newark, Robert Wood Johnson Health Sciences Library in New Brunswick, Robert Wood Johnson Media Library in Piscataway, the Health Sciences Library at Stratford, and the UMDNJ & Coriell Library in Camden.

The Philip Rosenstein Lecture in Informatics, given biennially, was established by UMDNJ Libraries in 1990 to honor the former University Librarian. Mr. Rosenstein was a member of the MHSNJ since its founding in 1980.

Toxic Circles: Environmental Hazards from the Workplace into the Community is to be published this summer by Rutgers University Press. The book focuses on the environmental and occupational hazards prevalent in New Jersey. It is edited by MHSNJ members Helen E. Sheehan, Ph.D. and Richard P. Wedeen, M.D. Chapters contributed by other members include William D. Sharpe, M.D., Christopher C. Sellers, M.D., Ph.D., and Francis P. Chinard, M.D. Photographs from the book by Lynn Butler will be exhibited at UMDNJ-Smith Library in September along with a book signing party.
George L. Becker, Jr., M.D., Department of Neurological Surgery, New York Neurological Institute, delivered a grand rounds lecture in December entitled "Neurosurgical History: Paradigm?"

Francis P. Chinard, M.D., was recently elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, London.

David Cowen presented "Medicine in New Jersey in the 19th Century" last May at the Humanities at Lunch program, UMDNJ-RWJMS, and in July presented, "Pharmacy in the Renaissance" at the New Jersey Summer Arts Institute.

James Tait Goodrich, M.D. will preside at a session on "Therapeutics and the Brain" on May 15 in Louisville at the annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine.

David E. Karas, M.D. will be teaching an undergraduate course in the history of medicine at Seton Hall University in the fall 1993 semester.

Robert M. Klein, M.D. was recently elected president of the New Jersey Allergy-Immunology Society.

Sandra Moss, M.D. curated an exhibition at St. Peter's Medical Center, New Brunswick, on African-American physicians and nurses in honor of African-American History Month.

Robert L. Trelstad, M.D. was presented the Basic Science Distinguished Teacher Award by Alpha Omega Alpha, the national medical honor society, at the annual meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges in New Orleans last November.

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The MHSNJ welcomes the following new members (as of April 1992):

Marilyn Finstein, M.S.
David E. Karas, M.D.
Nayan Kothari, M.D.
Patricia A. Watson, Ph.D.
Robert M. Olson, M.D.
Scott E. Eder, M.D.
Howard D. Slobodien, M.D.
Joseph A. Cox, M.D.
Norman Reitman, M.D.
Harold Gabel, M.D.
Willard A. Burns, M.D.
James E. Strick
Laurie C. Miller, B.S.

George L. Becker, Jr., M.D.
Eleanore M. Judd, M.S.
David W. Hansen
Reuben Block, M.D.
Gerson Weiss, M.D.
Thomas R. Hedges, Jr., M.D.
Roberta Wedeen, B.A.
Robert M. Klein, M.D.
Andrew D. DeMasi, D.O.
Joseph A. Silverman, M.D.
Steven Maron, M.D.
Frank F. Katz, Ph.D.
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MEMBER PUBLICATIONS IN THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

(Thanks to all members who graciously sent their 1992 publications for listing here. Your editor erred in the way publication information was requested. Specifications should have indicated that publications be limited to articles in the history of medicine. My apologies to all who sent citations outside that scope. -- Editor)


Weisse, AB. Mostly about books...and medicine. Hosp Prac 1993 (forthcoming).