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## RURAL SURGERY SYMPOSIUM PLANNED

In co-sponsorship with the University of North Dakota, The Mithoefer Center for Rural Surgery will hold its third annual Rural Surgery Symposium in Grand Forks, N.D., Sept. 16-18 where Dr. Randall Zuckerman will present the topic, "When is Rural Not Really Rural; Results of a National Survey," highlighting the vast differences between rural surgery in large rural areas (populations of 10,000 to 50,000) versus rural surgery in small rural areas with populations less than 10,000.

In the three years since the establishment of The Mithoefer Center at Bassett, important research activities about rural surgery practice have been initiated, and its team has shared knowledge by teaching surgical skills locally and internationally. The center has become an internationally recognized resource for and about rural surgery, and it offers surgical training for sur-

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## SURGEONS LAUNCH TRAINING PROGRAM IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Surgeon-in-Chief Steven Heneghan, M.D., retired physician and former Surgeon-in-Chief Michael Gold, M.D., former Chief Surgery Resident Stephanie Strauss, M.D., and Laura Jean Oliva, RPA-C, spent five days in March training surgeons in San Pedro, Dominican Republic, to perform laparoscopic gall bladder surgery. The trip was made possible by Bassett Healthcare's Department of Surgery, The Mithoefer Center for Rural Surgery and Esperanza, founded by Oliva with the mission of improving the health, education and social services to disadvantaged residents of the Dominican Republic.

The Bassett team spent five days at Antonio Musa Hospital in San Pedro, a town of about 20,000 not far from the capital city of Santo Domingo. The hospital typically performs 100 to 200 standard gall bladder surgeries each year. Medical equipment manufacturers Olympus, ValleyLab and U.S. Surgical donated laparoscopic surgical equipment to Esperanza for use at the hospital.

An important part of Strauss' role, according to Heneghan, was to



Surgeons from the Dominican Republic perform a laparoscopic cholecystectomy with assistance from a team of Bassett surgeons, including Chief of Surgery Steven Heneghan, M.D., at right.

"develop the educational program, which she translated into Spanish, including a laparoscopic trainer that she made from a cardboard box. This pretty much was equal to trainers costing \$2,000 sold here in the United States." One day was spent explaining the laparoscopic equipment and how it is set up. Four surgeons were trained and performed their first cholecystectomies during the remaining three days of training.

"For me, the most rewarding moment was when Dr. Diaz, the Dominican Republic surgeon, came out of the room after the first case with a huge grin, being so happy with her accomplishment," Heneghan said. "I also met the mother of one of the patients who thanked us profusely. That was a great moment."

In May, Dr. Heneghan returned

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Kenneth W. Wilkins, M.D.

Greetings from Cooperstown and New Bern.

Summer has been hot down South, and it seems that things are heating up in Cooperstown, as well. As unlikely as it might seem from a distance, a medical school may, in fact, become a reality at Bassett. This fits in very nicely with Bassett's mission of education. Medical students will keep those attendings on their toes.

And speaking of attendings, Don Lewis (another UNC alumnus) will be missed. His approach to the care of the patient will survive his retirement, as he has been a teacher

extraordinaire for many years. Good luck, Don!

Please enjoy the rest of this issue, including profiles of Alumni Board members Drs. Mook and Bello, various awards and recognitions, where our departing residents are going and the latest on the activities related to the Mithoefer Center. And as always, let us hear from you!

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### 2000s

**Heather Wasileski, D.O.** (*Transitional Resident 2002-03, Medicine Resident 2003-05*) submits this picture of twins Nick and Sam, born April 4, 2007. She was married in July 2005 to Gabriel Lurvey, D.O., (they were both medical students here in 2001), and they moved to Arkansas the next month. "My husband is a military physician," she writes, "and we are stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base. I am working at the base as an internist, not in the military, but as a private contractor. At present, I am on maternity leave, however. My husband's military commitment is done in two years, at which time we cannot wait to move back home, probably upstate New York or somewhere in New England. The people are friendly here, but it is too hot and we miss family and friends!" ■



*Wasileski twins*

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geons considering a rural practice.

"The center has provided an excellent outlet for research and training for rural surgeons, and has continued to highlight issues attendant to rural surgery programs," said Zuckerman, an attending surgeon at Bassett and co-director of the center. "Our team is quite pleased to be the 'go-to' people when it comes to information about rural surgery practice."

In addition to a residency track



## The Mithoefer Center For Rural Surgery

focused on the special needs of rural surgeons, Bassett offers a Rural Surgery Fellowship for practicing surgeons who desire additional training. "The experience has reinforced my skills, and I have confidence I'll be ready to handle whatever professional challenges may arise for me in Alaska," said Guy Burman, M.D., who is nearing completion of his fellowship. "I am grateful for the existence

of the Center for Rural Surgery and the fellowship, and I will continue to sing its praises to physicians I encounter in the future."

Funded by the Robert Keeler Foundation, The Mithoefer Center for Rural Surgery was established at Bassett Healthcare in 2004 with the goals of improving general surgery training for rural surgeons, acting as an advocacy organization for rural surgeons and improving the health of people in rural communities. For more information, contact Lori Sawicki at (607) 547-3518 or visit [centerforruralsurgery.org](http://centerforruralsurgery.org). ■

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to Antonio Musa Hospital with attending surgeon Randall Zuckerman, M.D., and Chief Surgery Resident Bob Wu, M.D., to complete the surgeons' training. "I think overall they exceeded our expectations," said Wu. "By the very last case they were able to do a procedure by themselves."

The training program was so successful that the team is hoping to replicate it in other areas, said Heneghan, who is also co-director of The Mithoefer Center for Rural Surgery with Dr. Zuckerman. ■



*Bassett Physician Assistant Laurajean Oliva, left, fits a prosthesis for a young amputee at Brazos de Esperanza, the clinic she opened in the Dominican Republic as part of her work there over the past 11 years.*

# Breaking News

## PLANS CONTINUE FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL ON MAIN CAMPUS

As plans for a medical school campus based at Bassett move forward, Bassett's new chief academic officer, Laura Schweitzer, Ph.D., has spent the last six months getting to know the organization by meeting with small groups of providers at sites throughout the Bassett network.

"I have done a lot of listening and learning, and what I have learned is quite remarkable," Schweitzer said. "Bassett Healthcare is an environment in which excellent and caring patient-centered clinical service and open communication between all constituencies will result in providing an optimal educational opportunity for our future medical students."

Bassett is in discussion with a medical school and expects to be able to identify this partner very soon, Schweitzer said. "We will then do a self-study of the academic resources here, including patient number and variety, interested faculty, space, information technology and library facilities to meet the students' needs," she said.

Plans call for Bassett to double the number of medical students on the campus at any given time, from the current number of 18. "Our profile will not change much," Schweitzer said. "What will change is that these students will be ours, so to speak, meaning that rather than spending just five weeks here, they will remain for at least their third year and

possibly their fourth year of medical school. I am grateful for the considerable help from Drs. Henry Weil, director of Hospital Services and Informatics, and Walter Franck, chief of Medicine, and look forward to moving forward with this challenge."

## CANCER PROGRAM DIRECTOR APPOINTED

William Richtsmeier, M.D., Ph.D., was recently appointed director of the Regional Cancer Program and will provide administrative oversight to the Regional Cancer Program in Cooperstown, and cancer services in Herkimer, Oneonta, Norwich and Cobleskill. He will continue to see patients in the ENT clinic, as well as patients with a diagnosis of cancer involving the head and neck.

Dr. Richtsmeier began his medical career at Bassett 28 years ago as otolaryngologist-in-chief. He was also chief of Head and Neck Oncology at Johns Hopkins until 1992 when he joined Duke, where he was chief of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery from 1992-1999. Dr. Richtsmeier returned to Bassett in 1999 as chief of the Division of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.

Cynthia Fisher, M.D., was appointed chief of Otolaryngology, effective June 1. ■

## BASSETT RESIDENT CHOSEN AS AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

Dr. Luis Ocegüera, a second-year Surgery resident known for his warmth, compassion and ability to juggle multiple demands, has been named a Bassett Ambassador, the first resident to win the institution's monthly award.

In his nomination letter, Respiratory Therapist Ken Stanford wrote: "Over the past two years, I have witnessed Luis's continued compassion and concern for his patients." For example, Luis took time out of his busy day to comfort an infant in the pediatric ward, trying to lull him to sleep, so the baby's mother could be at home with her other child.

For Luis, it's simple: "In medicine, you help people." He earned both a master's in anatomy and his M.D. from Loma Linda University School of Medicine. He chose medicine, general surgery in particular, because he wanted a career that would satisfy both his love of science and his desire to help others. "I like working with my hands," he said. "I like the anatomy of it, and I like the fact that you can be creative



Dr. Luis Ocegüera

— how you can change structure to improve function."

Patrick Dietz, M.D., program director of the Surgery Residency, said Luis is a natural because patients warm up to him easily. "He radiates an approachability that helps him establish an excellent rapport with people," Dietz said. "He seems very low-key, but he's obviously intense and an incredibly hard worker. You never see him flustered. You almost never see him in a hurry, which is unheard of. And yet he gets everything done,"

Alumni should note that the

surgical resident's day still starts at 6 a.m., when residents see their patients and round with the team, followed by the 7 a.m. team conference and then usually the OR. "The time flies, but you do get tired," Luis said. "You come out sweaty and exhausted, and then you have to go round with your team and check on patients again."

In between rounds and cases, Luis has other work-related obligations, such as the Classic Surgery Journal Club once a month and the Tumor Board every Wednesday. He also has to study for the in-service exams every January, prepare to present at morning conferences and grand rounds, and do research. Last year, he presented posters at conferences in Las Vegas and Hollywood, Fla., and this year he is working on four case reports.

In his "spare time," Luis enjoys running, canoeing, playing soccer or taking in a movie in a quiet theater. He also loves kids, and he occasionally organizes outings with a group of nurses and their children. ■

## AWARDS PRESENTED

The 2007 Golden Apple awards, given by the residents to the faculty members they felt were their most outstanding teachers, were presented to attending surgeons Wayne M. Weiss, M.D., and Craig R. Goldberg, M.D., and in Medicine to hospitalist Edward Bischof, M.D. The 2007 Golden Stethoscope Awards, given by medical students and residents to a senior resident for excellence in teaching, were presented to Dr. Prachaya Nitichakulvatana (Medicine) and Dr. Bob Wu (Surgery).

Medical resident Jesse Greenblatt, M.D., M.P.H., received the E. Donnell Thomas Outstanding Research Presentation Award for 2007. Dr. Greenblatt's project, under the guidance of James Dalton, M.D., identified women hospitalized at Bassett who are at high risk for breast and cervical cancer due to inadequate screening, with the goal of establishing methods to routinely identify these patients and offer inpatient screening tests. ■



## ALUMNI BOARD MEMBER PROFILES

Members of the Medical Alumni Association Board of Directors will be profiled periodically in *The Cupola*.

You might say that **Jacqueline Bello, M.D.**, began her Bassett career when her parents met while her father (Edward T. Bello, M.D., Two-year Rotating Intern 1949-51) was a house officer at Bassett. Jacquie Bello received her M.D. from Columbia University in 1980 and then did her Flexible Internship at Bassett in 1980-81, before embarking on what evolved to be an illustrious career in neuroradiology. For many years, she has served as professor of Clinical Radiology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and director of Neuroradiology at Montefiore Medical Center, and she is nationally recognized for her leadership and academic accomplishments in the field. She has won numerous awards as an outstanding medical teacher and has a very long list of scientific accomplishments documented in the medical litera-



*Jacqueline Bello, M.D.*

ture, textbooks and on the lecture circuit. She was recently nominated to receive the "Staff and Alumni Honoree Award" for Montefiore Medical Center for 2008.

Throughout her career, Dr. Bello has continued her active and effective interest in Bassett. She has been on the Medical Alumni Board of Directors since its inception, serving as president from 1990-92, and she has faithfully attended the board's annual meetings, always with major, incisive input. Currently, she also



*William A. Mook, M.D.*

serves as president of the Alumni Association of the College of Physicians and Surgeons and is a past president of the P&S Club.

On a more personal level, she notes that, "I am one of seven children, and through my sibs have a total of seven nieces and nephews. I married Peter (Dr. Peter Carmel) in 1994, at which time I 'inherited' three sons, and thanks to them, I have a grandson who is six months old and a brand new grand daughter!" Her sister, Marietta Taylor, has

long worked at Bassett in many key managerial roles, and her father and mother live near Milford, N.Y.

**William A. Mook, M.D.**, who recently joined the Alumni Board, received his M.D. from Columbia University and began his Bassett career with a nine-month Rotating Internship in 1944 under Dr. George MacKenzie's leadership. (He recalls that a nurse relative knew Dr. Mackenzie, and, after deciding to come up for a look, he was impressed with the collegial atmosphere and amazed at the variety of cases.) It was near the end of World War II, and he was called up into the Marine Corps and sent to Guam with the plan to be part of the third beachhead wave in Japan, when the war suddenly ended. Sent to China to serve out his military term, he rejoined Bassett in 1947 to complete his medical residency. After a fellowship in cardiology,

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## THREE FORMER RESIDENTS JOIN SENIOR STAFF

**Linda Christie, M.D.**, has accepted a position as a general internist at Bassett Healthcare-Gloversville. Dr. Christie completed her undergraduate studies at Princeton University, majoring in biology, and earned her M.D. at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in Philadelphia. She completed a one-year fellowship and a three-year residency in anatomic pathology at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Christie worked for 10 years at South Mountain Restoration Center in South Mountain, Pa., as staff physician, director of the Dementia Special Care Unit and medical director. She came to Bassett in 2004 as an Internal Medicine resident and completed the program in June 2007.

**Dan Croft, D.O.**, has accepted a position as hospitalist at Bassett Healthcare. Dr. Croft completed his undergraduate studies at the



*Linda Christie, M.D.*

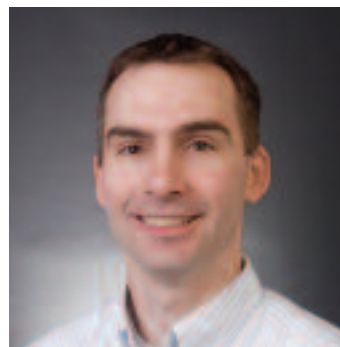
University of New England, majoring in medical biology, and earned his D.O. from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He did his residency in Internal Medicine at Bassett and was chief resident during the 2006-07 academic year. In 2006, he received the 2006 E. Donnell Thomas Outstanding Research Presentation Award for his work evaluating the anti-inflammatory effects of long-term dosing



*Dan Croft, D.O.*

of common antibiotics in the treatment of patients with severe obstructive lung disease.

**Edwin Urf Jr., D.O.**, has accepted a position as an attending anesthesiologist at Bassett. Dr. Urf did his undergraduate work at D'Youville College in Buffalo, Genesee Community College in Batavia, N.Y., and the State University of New York College at Cortland, majoring in biology with a chemistry minor. He earned a mas-



*Edwin Urf Jr., D.O.*

ter's in natural sciences at the State University of New York at Buffalo Roswell Park Graduate Division and his D.O. from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine of New York Institute of Technology. He came to Bassett for his Transitional Year Internship, after which he completed an anesthesiology residency at the University of Connecticut from July 2004 to June 2007. ■

## IN MEMORIAM: BASSETT REMEMBERS

*Note: We depend on alumni to inform us of the passing of Bassett colleagues.*

**Dr. Robert S. Hagstrom** died in Billings, Mont., on March 29, 2007, at age 86. A graduate of the College of Surgeons of Columbia University, Dr. Hagstrom did a two-year Rotating Internship at Bassett (1947-49). He had married Evelyn (Evy) Williams, R.N., during medical school, and one of their children, Gunnar, was born at Bassett. Dr. Hagstrom served in a M.A.S.H. unit in Korea and then completed his training in urology. They settled in Billings, Mont., for his career. He and Evy were involved in a host of short-term medical missions and other community-service activities over the years. She died in 2004. He is survived by a large family of several generations; daughter Kristin Ann Hart of Billings provided us with his extended obituary.

**Charles (Chuck) Hopper, M.D.**, died in April 2007 at age 76, after a very brief course of carcinoma of the biliary tract. After obtaining his M.D. from Yale University, summa cum laude, in 1956, he and his wife, Joan, came to Cooperstown with their early family, where he did a Rotating Internship at Bassett. Chuck and Joan had met in 1950, when he was an orderly at Springfield Hospital and she was a student nurse; they married one day before he started medical school. John Olson, M.D., recalls that they and their families both lived in "the yellow house" across from the Leatherstocking Golf Course and baby-sat for each other. After Bassett, Dr. Hopper spent two years in the Navy diving school in Rhode Island. He then did a general surgery residency at the Hartford Hospital, followed by a career as general and thoracic surgeon in Newport, R.I. For eight years, he was chief of Surgery at the Newport Hospital, retiring in 1994. He was involved in numerous medical organizations and community activities. The Hoppers and Olsons enjoyed an active, lifelong friendship. He is survived by his wife of 54 years and four children and their families.



*Charles Hopper, M.D.*

**Robert F. Savadove, M.D.**, a practicing psychiatrist in Portland, Maine, for 33 years, died April 20, 2007, from complications of stomach cancer. He was 74. He graduated from Williams College, Phi Beta Kappa, in 1955. He was awarded a year of graduate study to the Honours School of English Language and Literature at Exeter College, Oxford University. He served in the Air Force from 1956 to 1959 as a faculty member of the Air Command and Staff College of the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala., and retired with the rank of captain. He then went to work in advertising for the Aluminum Company of America in Pittsburgh. At the same time, he took pre-medical courses at the University of Pittsburgh to fulfill a lifelong dream and attended Albany Medical College from 1963 to 1967.

Bob came to Bassett in 1967 for a Rotating Internship followed by a year as assistant resident in Medicine and then a year as assistant resident in Psychiatry, while his wife, Maureen Savadove, M.D., also trained at Bassett as intern and then assistant resident in Pathology. He completed his training in psychiatry at the New York State Psychiatric Institute of Columbia University and settled in Portland, Maine, in 1972. Until 1976, he was assistant director of the Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic at Maine Medical Center; when he started a small, multi-disciplined practice group, Psychiatric Associates, from which he retired at the end of 2005. Of his many medical experiences, Bob was most proud of and equally spiritually rewarded for the time in the summers of 2000 to 2004 when he practiced primary care in remote medical mission clinics in Honduras and Panama.

He is survived by his three children: Edith and her partner, Thomas Hargrave, of Seattle; Bill and his wife, Lillian, of Shanghai; Dr. Tom Savadove and his wife, Melissa, of Philadelphia; and also by his former wife, now Dr. Maureen Sze, of Portland.

## DEPARTING RESIDENTS ANNOUNCE PLANS

Bassett thanks 24 physicians who have completed their residency programs. The following physicians will either enter practice or begin an advanced residency/fellowship program:

Mathew Abraham, M.D., Internal Medicine, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency, University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.; Johelen Carleton, M.D., General Surgery, Vascular Fellowship, Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N.Y.; Elias Chahine, Pharm.D., Pharmacy Resident, Palm Beach Atlantic University, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Linda Christie, M.D., Internal Medicine, Internal Medicine, Bassett Healthcare; Jonathan Dan Croft, D.O., Internal Medicine, Hospitalist, Bassett Healthcare;

Maria Escano, M.D., Internal Medicine, Neurology Residency, Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, New York, N.Y.; Matthew Gilbert, D.O., Internal Medicine, Endocrinology Fellowship, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.; Glenn Groat, M.D., Transitional Year, Radiology Residency, SUNY Upstate, Syracuse, N.Y.; Jonathan Haymore, M.D., Transitional Year, Ophthalmology Residency, SUNY Upstate, Syracuse, N.Y.; Tony Joseph, M.D., Internal Medicine, Hospitalist, Saint Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Okla.; Caroline Koo, M.D., Transitional Year, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, NYU/Rusk, New York, N.Y.; Henry Kurban, M.D., Transitional Year, Preventive Medicine, Johns Hopkins School, Baltimore, Md.;

Thuy Luu, Pharm.D., Pharmacy Resident, Clinical Pharmacist, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Lawrence, Kan.; John Mastrangelo, M.D., Transitional Year, Radiology Residency, Albany Medical Center, Albany, N.Y.; Andrew Moreno, M.D., Internal Medicine, Anesthesiology Residency, Columbia University – NYPH, New York, N.Y.; Rebecca Pace, D.O., Internal Medicine, Geriatrics Fellowship, Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn.; Anush Patel, M.D., Internal Medicine, Hematology Fellowship, University of Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.; Elyssa Pohl, M.D., Transitional Year, Anesthesiology, St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, New York, N.Y.; Kristopher Spinning, M.D., Transitional Year, Radiology Residency, Bridgeport/Yale University

Hospital, Bridgeport/ New Haven, Conn.; Stephanie Strauss, M.D., General Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.; Mark Symns, M.D., Transitional Year, Anesthesiology Residency, Kansas University Medical Center, Kansas City, Kan.; Korsin Tiengburanatarm, M.D., Internal Medicine, Geriatric Fellowship, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii; Anne Marie Tremaine, M.D., Transitional Year, Dermatology Fellowship, Center for Clinical Studies, Houston, Texas; Paul Wilson, M.D., Internal Medicine, Anesthesiology Residency, New York Medical College, Valhalla, N.Y.

## PROFILES *from page 4*

which included a focus in endocrinology under the legendary Robert Williams, M.D., and a short stint at the Rip Van Winkle Clinic in Hudson, N.Y., he joined the Bassett senior staff in 1952, only to be recalled into the Marine Corps during the Korean War. He rejoined Bassett in 1954 for a career that ended with his retirement in 1986. During those years, he became a role model for both patient care and the teaching of medicine, at the bedside and in the medical clinic, for hundreds of residents and medical students.

Discussing vignettes from his house officer days, he vividly recalls helping to push the Bassett ambulance out of a snow bank and riding in a manure spreader to get to a patient's house! He also notes that penicillin was just coming into use in 1944; the intern had to administer it every three hours during the night, and it was in such short supply that it had to be extracted from the patient's urine for reuse!

Bill met his wife-to-be, Barbara (Bobbie) Ives, a student nurse at Presbyterian Hospital, and they were married Oct. 9, 1943. They have five children, including Carolyn Mook, M.D., who recently rejoined Bassett as a medical oncologist. Bill and Bobbie live in Cooperstown. ■

After obtaining his M.D. degree in 1971 from the University of North Carolina, Don V. Lewis and his wife, Elizabeth (Dutchy), came to Cooperstown, where he did his Medicine Residency at Bassett and stayed on for a career as attending physician up to his retirement in June 2007. A board-certified internist and highly respected personal physician in the Medical Clinic and on the wards over the years, he left his quiet mark on many of you alumni out there, as he lived through the transition from internist/diagnostician to the present role of "primary-care provider."

In his non-Bassett life, he was, for many years,

## BASSETT LOOKS BACK



*The Bassett physician staff in July 1947. Dr. Mook was assistant resident in Medicine. Dr. MacKenzie was about to retire. (A 1944 photograph wasn't available.)*

For this issue, we'll look back to the era when Dr. Bill Mook arrived as an intern, tying it to his Alumni Board profile on Page 4. In 1944, World War II was just ending, and Bassett was struggling to keep its financial footing and to regain its physician and nursing staff, many of whom had gone off to war. The intern quota had been cut from eight to four, and one ward was closed. X-ray and other equipment was outmoded. Of course, things didn't go downhill from there! Dr. MacKenzie would retire within three years to be replaced as director by Dr. James Bordley III, and Bassett's next era began, with a formal affiliation with P&S, a research acme that would lead to a Nobel Prize, the development of subspecialties, and on and on... ■

## DON LEWIS RETIRES

a member of the Cooperstown Central School Board of Education, and early on, a member of a tough poker-playing group that included Bill Mook. You'll have to ask Don to relate the story of "the frozen underwear"... Dutchy Lewis was, for 18 years, a beloved Cooperstown high-school English teacher. Looking back over their 36 years in Cooperstown, Don and Dutchy have solid praise for both Bassett and the community. Four children and three grandchildren later, the Lewises have decided to return to their Southern roots — certainly a loss for the Cooperstown community, and we wish them and their family well! ■



*Dr. Don and Elizabeth Lewis*

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