PRESENTATIONS

- Dr. Zakharian was an invited seminar speaker at the Post-Clinic Conference at Adrenal Steroid Disorders Program, Department of Pediatrics, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY:

  - She gave a talk entitled: “Rapid testosterone signaling receptor TRPM8 regulates sexual desire and satiety in a sex-dependent manner”, held on May 9, 2018


EMPLOYEE NEWS

- Class of 2021 MD students Lukas Lahood, Mouneeb M. Choudry, and Natalia A. Grudzien joined Dr. Veeravalli’s lab and completed all the trainings required to initiate the laboratory and animal work. Dr. Mayurnath Reddy Bedadala (recently completed his medical education in India) also joined Dr. Veeravalli’s lab and completed the required trainings.

- Laura C. Jorgenson, Class of 2021 medical student working in Dr. Veeravalli’s lab was awarded Carrie M. Craig medical student summer research fellowship for her project on “Attenuation of the severity of post-ischemic inflammation: effect on the neurological recovery of stroke-induced rats.”
Welcome to the new circulation desk at the Library of the Health Sciences. Come on in and check it out. Watch your email for a Break the Rules announcement coming soon!

HUMAN RESOURCES
Welcome to our new employees!

Donna Hazelman, office manager, PHS

Chloe Jackson, medical social assistant, PHS

Tanisha Lewis, phlebotomist, CBP

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
Holiday Schedule: https://www.hr.uillinois.edu/leave/holidays/
Click on “Chicago Holiday Schedule’ (on the right)

NEWS RELEASES
Contact: Dave Haney
309-671-8404
UICOMP news releases are available at: http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/news
Civil Service Employees Council

Year In Review

This year’s council started at a run! Our first session began with requests from the Community Chest. The council was able to help two employees with payments toward their utility bills and a gift card for $100. What a great way to start the year by helping our co-workers.

Since then our council has been very active in raising funds for charitable donations. Our Halloween Social and Pumpkin contest allowed us to replenish the Community Chest for other employees in need and the Turkey Gram Sale netted a total of $276.79 to Southside Mission for holiday meals. The monthly popcorn sales allowed us to donate to GI FAB, PRC, Operation Breakthrough, Student Government Association (SGA), Dirksen Primary School, and St. Jude Runners among others. Council members donated their personal time to volunteer for Stocking Stuffer Store for Crippen Center, and organized an Undergarment/Sock Drive.

All year long, the council organizes events and personal enrichment opportunities like the Halloween Social, Popcorn Sales, Bowling, Salsa Dance Workshop, Tipping Time and the annual Staff Appreciation Week Banquet and activities! The Banquet this year had a Carnival Theme with some magical entertainment. We really appreciated all of the wonderful feedback from those able to attend! We hoped it was as much fun for you to attend as it was for us to plan.

Very soon, the council will hold elections for new members. Any Civil Service or Academic Professional out of their initial probation period is eligible to serve. Serving on the council is a wonderful experience. Not only do you gain a greater understanding of the University and its complexities, you get to meet some wonderful people you never knew were your co-workers. Consider donating some time at work to this fun and worthwhile organization. CSEC Elections are this month!! We need your help!!

Ask your co-workers to vote for you!

We Want You!
WHO’S WHO in the CSEC - Meet Terry Flynn

Hello! I’m Terry Flynn, Staff RN at the Hillcrest Pediatric Subspecialty Clinic where I have the pleasure of working in two separate divisions in this clinic. Half of the week I work in the Healthy Kids U clinic, and then I spend two days working in the Endocrine division. It has been a pleasure to work with the staff at Hillcrest for the past three and a half years – they are like a second family. I am happily married to my husband Jim, and we have two grown sons Nick & Tyler, along with two wonderful daughters-in-laws and 4 grandchildren. I am truly blessed. My husband & I both love to cook and enjoy entertaining both family & friends. Snow skiing is another passion we both enjoy in the winter, and spending time on our lake in the summer. The CSEC council has allowed me to become involved with the University in many aspects. Not only have I had the privilege to meet many other employees, but our fundraisers give back to our community. Ballots will be coming out soon, so I encourage you to consider serving on the CSEC Council.

Class Act Nominations

I nominate Miranda Lutrell for a Class Act certificate for her excellent work ethic. Prior to starting full time on April 23, she was employed as a 900-hour employee with Pediatric Primary. Miranda is flexible and goes above and beyond her duties and is a great asset for our office. Thanks, Miranda, for coming to work with us! *Bonny Darrow, Dept. of Pediatrics*

I also nominate Sandi Blasingim for a Class Act certificate. She is a hard working employee, a true asset to our office, pitching in and going above her normal work load. We appreciate all that she does at University Pediatrics! *Bonny Darrow, Dept. of Pediatrics*

*Who has gone “above and beyond” to help you with a work project or has done something that made your day? Recognize that special co-worker’s contribution with a statement of appreciation published in the newsletter and a certificate that will be sent to them on your behalf. Nominate your special co-worker by sending the details about why they are a “Class Act” to Shelby Miller at smille59@uic.edu.*

Community Chest

The *Community Chest* is a fund that supports civil service staff members facing any kind of hardship. You may nominate yourself or a co-worker by sending an email request to Shelby smille59@uic.edu or Kathy kjslater@uic.edu. If we can help pay your electric bill or buy the tire that blew because all your money has gone to medical bills, for example, then the fund can assist.

Check out the CSEC Webpage

Stop by and see who your Civil Service Employees Council (CSEC) Representatives are for the 2017-18 AY and learn more about CSEC activities at [http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/csec/](http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/csec/).
Employee Enrichment – Free Salsa Lessons!

On Friday, May 18, the CSEC offered free salsa dance lessons to all Civil Service employees and significant others who wanted to participate. We all had loads of fun. There is a possibility of tango lessons being offered another time this summer. Dust off your dancing shoes watch for the announcement!
June Birthdays

Rose Ingolia          Lynne Keeton          Michelle De Sutter          Brian Schisler
Bruce Broughton      Suzy Witt             Beth LaFollett             Shelley Atkinson
Kristine Peckman     Carole Siefken         Allyson Cordoni            Marie McWhirter
Kimberly Frakes       Jessica Kilper         Margaret Tomlins           Vicki Helton
Joe Newcomb          Kim Evans              Austin Davies              Sean Meagher
Yanzhi Wang           Lorraine Deluhery

If your birthday is not listed, and you wish to have it added, please contact Shannon at sdoerr@uic.edu. A detailed birthday list can be found on the “PUBLIC” drive in the Focus Newsletter Folder. Also, you can find issues from 2016 in the Focus Newsletter Folder. Reminder note: You may also save a copy to your files if you wish to keep a copy for reference as well. The deadline for submission of information for the July issue is June 28. Send your submissions to Shannon at sdoerr@uic.edu.

Come out to the ball park and support PRC
July 14, 2018
Jimmy Buffett Night with Fireworks! -$14/seat
Contact Amanda Franklin for your tickets!
prcinfo@uic.edu or 624-9595

Save the Date: October 6, 2018  Celebrating 25 Years of Hope
Join PRC as we celebrate exactly 25 years of positively impacting the lives of abused and neglected children in central Illinois.

PRC's 25th Anniversary Celebration
Friday, June 29, 2018
7:30am
PRC Clinic at University Pediatrics
320 E Armstrong Ave.
Entrance 1- 2nd Floor

The PRC, a program of UICOMP, has been providing specialized, child-centered medical evaluations to suspected child victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect since 1993.

Guest speaks include Dr. Kay Saving, Medical Director of OSF Healthcare Children's Hospital of Illinois and founder of the PRC; Stephanie Johnson PRC Executive Director; and Janâ Stevens, Community Board President.

Light refreshments will be provided.
Tours of the PRC outpatient clinic room will be available.
Please RSVP at http://go.uic.edu/PRC25thCelebrate
Contact Amanda Franklin with questions: 624-9595 or aerwin@uic.edu