

# Neurosurgery News

WSU Neurosurgery's Practice Newsletter

July 2012: Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month

The Neurosurgery News is looking for stories about our team members for upcoming issues.

This means you! If you have a unique talent or participate in something not normally seen, let us know. We will be sure to feature you soon!



## Nancy Triggs: A Case Study in Longevity

*Dedicated employee has been with Neurosurgery for 15 years, and the DMC system for 36.*

News reports would tell us that people don't work for just one company or institution during the working phase of their life. People like to move from place to place, enjoying shorter stops at various businesses and opportunities. Eventually, one may pick a place to settle into once they have found something they enjoy. But to be at one place for 10, 20, 30 years? Practically unheard of these days.

That is unless you look right in our own offices. Nancy Triggs, our Medical Education Coordinator, is one of these remarkable stories. Nancy has been with our department for 15 years; even more extraordinary is that she has been a DMC employee for 36! That means she has been in service for the medical center longer than one of your humble editors has been alive. Dedication like that is a rare thing indeed.

Countless residents and fellows have come through our program in that time, and Nancy has been one of the integral pieces to their success. Be it grand rounds schedules, resident interviews, or graduation picnics, Nancy has had a hand in all, and an important one at that. Congratulations Nancy, on your grand achievement, and here's looking forward to many years more!



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Annual Resident Graduation Picnic Photos and Recap

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Facts about Our Founding Fathers! Fun! Fantastic! Fulfilling!

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# Stories From Around the Department

## Annual Picnic Celebrates Residency of Mark Hoeprich, MD, MPP

Another summer is now upon us, which means that not only are the temperatures rising, but that we are saying good-bye to another one of our residents. This year, it's Mark Hoeprich who is departing from rounding the halls of the DMC, finishing his neurosurgical training. To celebrate this accomplishment, the annual department picnic was held in his honor.

On June 23rd, 2012, members of the department descended upon George Osius Park in Grosse Pointe Shores to partake in the picnic. The weather was fantastic and stayed that way for the entire time, allowing everyone to enjoy all the amenities that the park and the picnic provided.



Volleyball, swimming, walking along the pier and the water, a "bounce house," music, and good conversation were all on



the docket for picnic-goers this year. Combine all this with the amazing spread of food available, and the makings of a great picnic were in place.



Once everyone had a chance to take in the park and the great party around them, the time for speeches and recognitions had arrived.

There were many heartfelt speeches given by both faculty and fellow residents about Mark, and Mark returned the favor when it was his time to speak to the picnic crowd. It was evident by the end of the day that the department was losing a valued team member.

Mark is off to Montreal, where he will be entering into an epilepsy surgery fellowship at McGill University, and Neelesh Nundkumar becomes our next chief resident. As he and the other residents move up one year in their seven-year residency, Gary Rajah comes on board and fills the first-year residency slot. Until next year, enjoy the memories and the photos from the annual picnic.

## Brain Food

### *A Few Facts About Our Founding Fathers and the Creation of the United States*

The First President of the United States? Technically, it is not George Washington. John Hanson led our country as "President of the United States in Congress Assembled" under the Articles of Confederation. He served for one year in 1781, and created the Great Seal of the United States during his time in office.

George Washington, while not our first President, did provide us with one of our most beloved holidays: Thanksgiving. Established to be celebrated for the first time on November 26, 1789, Washington declared Thanksgiving as a national holiday to give "thanks" for the Constitution. Yes, that is the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

The Constitution has 4440 words, and was signed on September 17, 1787. This makes the US Constitution the oldest and shortest written constitution for any major government in the world. It also gives us another holiday: Constitution Day, which is celebrated every September 17th.

## Did You Know?

While we often think of arthritis as a condition that affects only the older individuals in society, it is a condition that affects almost 300,000 children in the United States alone.

Juvenile arthritis can take many forms, attacking not only the joints, but the eyes, skin, and gastrointestinal tract as well.

For more information about this condition, follow the link below:

### [Juvenile Arthritis Information](#)

## Upcoming Dates of Interest:

07.22.12	Parents' Day
07.30.12	Father-in-Law Day
08.05.12	Friendship Day
08.15.12	Assumption Day
08.19.12	Eid ul-Fitr
08.21.12	Senior Citizen's Day (USA)
08.24.12	Waffle Day (USA)
08.26.12	Women's Equality Day (USA)
09.03.12	Labor Day

## What's on Your Mind?

*By Zeus, She's Got It!*

While the task at hand for the department in relation to our last newsletter contest was one of mythical proportions, one individual was up to the task. One person had the humongous aptitude, intelligence, cunning, and resourcefulness to finish off our crossword puzzle scanning the pantheon of classic Greek gods. One of your fellow department members was able to correctly provide all the names, all the spellings, and all the correct locations for each answer.

Who was this titan of knowledge, you ask? This connoisseur of classical literature? This genius of Grecian fable? Well, it was Neena. Neena Marupudi, one of our residents. Not content with only working towards mastering the craft of neurological surgery, Neena has apparently been studying her *Bulfinch's* in her spare time. Congrats to Neena on her victory! The answers were:

### Down

- 1: **Harmonia** (concord, harmony)
- 3: **Eris** (discord, strife)
- 4: **Tyche** (luck)
- 7: **Aphrodite** (love, beauty, desire)
- 9: **Zeus** (king of the gods)
- 12: **Ares** (war, violence)
- 13: **Hypnos** (sleep)
- 14: **Asclepius** (medicine, healing)
- 15: **Persephone** (springtime)
- 18: **Athena** (wisdom, defense)

22: **Demeter** (fertility, nature)

26: **Phobos** (fear)

### Across

- 2: **Hestia** (hearth)
- 5: **Nyx** (the night)
- 6: **Hera** (queen of the gods)
- 8: **Nike** (victory)
- 10: **Hades** (underworld, the dead)
- 11: **Aura** (cool breezes, fresh air)
- 12: **Artemis** (the hunt, childbirth)
- 16: **Deimos** (terror)

17: **Hephaestus** (craftsman, fire)

19: **Momus** (satire, mockery)

20: **Hermes** (messenger, thieves)

21: **Eros** (sexual love, beauty)

23: **Hecate** (magic, witches)

24: **Dionysus** (wine, celebrations)

25: **Apollo** (light, knowledge, music)

26: **Pan** (wild, shepherds)

27: **Poseidon** (seas, horses)

28: **Morpheus** (dreams)

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## On the Brain for July

No Need to Print This  
Contest Out...Put that  
Mouse to Work.

[http://neurosurgery.med.wayne.edu/you\\_cant\\_find\\_this.php](http://neurosurgery.med.wayne.edu/you_cant_find_this.php)

As always, the first person to return a correct entry to Brandon will be the winner. Good luck!