Worthy of note: Honors, awards, appointments, etc.

A former and a current member of the Dartmouth College Board of Trustees were recently elected to the prestigious Institute of Medicine (IOM). Susan Dentzer, a DC ’77 and the editor-in-chief of the journal Health Affairs, became only the second journalist in history elected to the IOM. She was a Dartmouth Trustee from 1993 to 2004 and chaired the Board from 2001 to 2004—the first woman to do so. She is currently a member of the DMS Board of Overseers. Also tapped by the IOM was John Rich, M.D., a DC ’80 and a Dartmouth Trustee since 2008. He is a professor of health management and policy at Drexel University’s School of Public Health.

Matthew Friedman, M.D., Ph.D., a professor of psychiatry, received the 2009 Public Advocacy Award from the International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies. He is executive director of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs’ National

CHaD events were “super” to the “extreme”

The Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD) doesn’t do things by half measures—even (or maybe especially) when putting on a half marathon. Calling the 4th Annual CHaD Half Marathon “super” and another recent CHaD fund-raiser “extreme” isn’t indulging in hyperbole, it’s just being factual.

The organizers of the August 29 half marathon used the event as a springboard to try to break the Guinness World Record for the most superheroes in one place at one time. They invited runners, volunteers, and spectators to come costumed as a superhero, to highlight the heroism of CHaD’s young patients.

The villain of the day was the weather—it drizzled most of the afternoon—but nevertheless the Guinness record fell before the might of 1,016 caped crusaders. And CHaD ended up nearly $230,000 to the good.

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A month later, the family of a CHaD patient did a star turn on ABC-TV’s Extreme Makeover: Home Edition. Eight-year-old Cameron Marshall’s battle with leukemia was just one of the reasons his family was picked by the show to get a new house.

Positive: It was a fitting choice, however, for after young Cam learned his blood type was B-positive, he decided that would be his mantra: “be positive.” He’s done that by lending his name to a one-mile kids’ race—Cam’s Course—that has now become part of the half marathon. And a walkathon the week of the house-raising raised an additional $27,000 for CHaD.

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Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder.

Paula Schnurr, Ph.D., a research professor of psychiatry, received the Robert S. Laufer Award for Outstanding Scientific Achievement, also awarded by the International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies. She, too, is affiliated with the VA’s National Center for PTSD, serving as its deputy executive director. The center is based at the DMS-affiliated White River Junction, Vt., VA Medical Center.

Clifford Belden, M.D., an assistant professor of radiology, led a team that developed two award-winning exhibits for the annual meeting of the American Society of Neuroradiology. An exhibit titled “Hypopharynx: Detailed Imaging Anatomy with Clinical and Pathologic Correlation” received Summa Cum Laude honors, while “Hypopharynx: Patterns of Cancer Spread” garnered Magna Cum Laude honors.

Robert Tortolani, M.D., an adjunct assistant professor of medicine, was named president of the Vermont Medical Society.

Lynn Feenan, M.S., a pediatric pulmonary/allergy clinical nurse specialist, received the Robert B. Kerr Award from Breathe New Hampshire.

Jeannine Mills, an oncology dietitian, received the 2009 Connie San Andres-Robles Distinguished Service Award from the American Dietetic Association.

DHMC received redesignation as a Magnet hospital from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association.

Advance for Nurses, a New England nursing magazine, recognized DHMC for having a “best working environment for nurses.”

DHMC received a Health Devices Achievement Award for excellence in health technology management from the ECRI Institute, a nonprofit health-care technology research organization.

Thomson Reuters again recognized DHMC as one of the top 100 U.S. hospitals for cardiovascular care in its 2009 ranking.

Adele and Hugh

Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at age 21, Hugh Edgerton lived with the progressive disease for more than 60 years. Nonetheless, he and Adele, his wife of almost as many years, lived their life together to the fullest. “Hugh was one of those optimistic people who was confident that a cure will be found,” says Adele.

It is that hope that inspired Hugh and Adele to establish a charitable gift annuity with DHMC, designating that their gift advance neurological research. Funded with stock that had grown in value over many years, their gift provided Adele with a charitable income tax deduction and a fixed, guaranteed income for the rest of her life. “It seems like the perfect solution,” says Adele.

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