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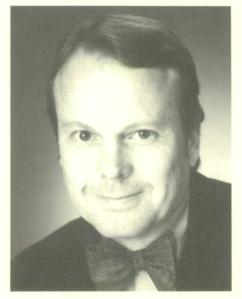
Neurological surgeons command the respect and admiration of fellow physicians, but also of the general public. We wield an influence in medicine, society, and government beyond our numbers. This respect is engendered perhaps by awe for the substrate with which we work, but more likely is the result of ceaseless endeavor by our predecessors to improve and disseminate neurological care for the good of mankind.

It is incumbent upon us as contemporary neurosurgeons not only to enjoy our inheritance, but to deserve and maintain that esteem and trust by furnishing a level of excellence in our care unexcelled by any other medical discipline. The Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) is intimately involved in the delivery of that care through its multiple educational as well as socioeconomic activities.

The primary goal of the CNS has always been excellence through education and the highlight has been its Annual Meeting. The Fortieth Annual Meeting will be held in Los Angeles, California, from October 20 through October 25, 1990. The hotel will be the spectacular Century Plaza in Westwood, which, with its new Towers, provides an ideal meeting venue. Charles B. Wilson, M.D., Professor and Chairman at the University of California San Francisco, will be our Honored Guest; Martin B. Camins, M.D., our Annual Meeting Chairman; and William F. Chandler, M.D., our Scientific Program Chairman.

Other major educational projects, including the journal, Neurosurgery, the proceedings of the Annual Meeting in Clinical Neurosurgery, and the series, Concepts in Neurosurgery, have flourished, and attest to the quality and energy of the organization.

The CNS remains firmly committed to nurturing the young neurosurgical mind and provides multiple forums for development not only of leaders within our specialty, but of contributors to an ever more complex society. The Joint Council of State Neurosurgical Societies (JCSNS), chaired by Dr. Russell Travis, welcomes attendance and involvement. The CNS invites and encourages participation in every tier of its structure: the Head and Spinal Cord Prevention Project, the Decade of the Brain effort, its multiple committees and sections, and its interfaces with other organizations and government.



Hal L. Hankinson, M.D., President of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons

I am honored to serve as your President for 1990, and shall, with the help of the entire organization, assure that we as humans, physicians, and neurosurgeons, continue to have the intellectual and moral tools to meet our collective responsibility.

Hal L. Hankinson, M.D., President

#### Washington Update

In the last chaotic moments of the Congressional session, the House-Senate Committee resolved the near future reimbursement of physicians under Medicare Part B, and perhaps ultimately even non-Federal reimbursement, when the fiscal year 1990 budget was set. The basic elements are: 1) a fee schedule based upon a resource-based relative value scale (RBRVS), 2) a limitation on the amount a physician can bill a patient above Medicare reimbursement, 3) a fee reduction on certain overpriced procedures, 4) targets for the total Medicare physician reimbursement each year through a Medicare Volume Performance Standard (MVPS), 5) mandatory assignment on Medicare patients whose premiums on co-payments are made by state Medicaid programs, 6) physician filing of all Medicare claims including the non-

#### 1989 CNS Annual Meeting

Over 3,000 neurosurgeons, residents, allied health personnel, exhibitors and spouses attended this year's Annual Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. Atlanta's weather cooperated delightfully -temperatures ranged in the '70's, and the rain held off until the last day of the meeting. The Atlanta Hilton and Towers Hotel was the headquarters and the housing hotel. The hotel staff's made every effort to accommodate our organization. Southern hospitality was in evidence throughout our stay.

The meeting began on Saturday, October 28, with registration booths and exhibits open from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. There were 85 different technical exhibits demonstrating the latest advances in neurosurgical instrumentation and imaging. The highlight of the institutional exhibits was the "Harm's Way" videotape featured by the National Head and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Program, a public service effort sponsored by both the CNS and AANS. Over 100 scientific posters were viewed by meeting attendants. A photography display, featuring medical and non-medical works, were instituted this year by Poster Session Chairman, Dr. Charles

Branch, Jr.

The Scientific Program was excellent, due to the efforts of Dr. Martin B. Camins and his Scientific Program Committee. Registration for the Practical Courses filled quickly, indicating immense interest in skull base/cavernous sinus surgery and laser surgery. Dr. Lalligham Sekhar organized an excellent International Program with Dr. Madjid Samii of Germany speaking on a philosophical approach to neurosurgical training and practice. All of the General Scientific Sessions were well attended, and extra seating had to be arranged for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday when attendance exceeded 900 people. The Luncheon and Video Luncheon Seminars were very well received with the revised format consisting of 4 speakers. Workshops were held by the cerebrovascular, trauma, tumor, spine, and pediatric sections. The combination of a didactic session in addition to open papers allowed presentation of more of the excellent abstracts submitted for this meeting. The Special Courses on critical care, socioeconomics, orbital tumors, and controversies in extracranial vascular surgery also had excellent attendance.

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#### Washington Update continued

assigned and, 7) research on outcome measurement and practice guidelines.

#### Fee Schedule

There will be a transition to a fee schedule based upon a RBRVS beginning January 1, 1992. Reductions or increases, compared to the current system, will be limited to 15% that year. The phase-in will occur over five years and thus be completed by 1996. Non-participating physicians will be reimbursed at 95% of the fee schedule. Each year beginning in 1992, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) will set the fee schedule. The amount paid for a service will be the product of the relative value for the service, the annual conversion factor and a geographic adjustment factor. The relative value of a service will have three components: 1) a work component, 2) a practice expense component, and 3) a malpractice component. The relative values will be reviewed at least every five years.

#### Balance Billing

The current limits of maximum allowable actual charge (MAAC) will be extended. In 1991 the cap will be 125% of the Medicare payment and in 1992 it will be 120%. The payment each year will be the lowest of either the MAAC or the cap. Beginning in 1993 no charge can exceed 115% of the Medicare fee.

#### Overpriced Procedures

Due to the efforts of Dr. B.C. Pevehouse all cervical procedures included on prior spinal lists have been eliminated since neurosurgery had not yet been surveyed for the RBRVS study which was the basis for establishing the list. The procedures currently listed are considered to be overvalued from 8 to 20% and in 1990 will be reduced by no more than 4%. The spinal CPT-4 codes involved are 63001, 63003, 63005, 63010, 63011, 64015, 63017, 63030, 63031 and 63035.

The peripheral nerve procedures listed are considered to be overvalued from 27 to 30% and will be reduced by no more than 6% in 1990. The peripheral nerve CPT-4 codes involved are 64718, 64719 and 64721.

#### Medicare Volume Performance Standard (MVPS)

Throughout 1989 the discussion in Congress related to expenditure targets (ETs) for Medicare Part B. The product negotiated by the House-Senate Conference Committee is the MVPS. The debate continues as to whether or not it really is an ET with a different name. In 1990 the growth rate is projected to be 9.5% to 10.5%. Although an ET would have allowed the recouping of excess spending, the MVPS limits future growth by subtracting a 2% to 3% maximum from the annual medicare economic index (MEI) on a phased-in basis through 1996.

The Physician Payment Review Commission (PPRC) has been directed to study the feasibility of establishing separate targets or volume performance standards by geographic areas, specialties, type of service (primary care, hospital-based physicians) or some combination. The PPRC report is due by May 1, 1990. The Secretary of HHS might then implement a plan, but not before October 1, 1991, allowing certain groups to have an an-



Dr. Phil Wirth receives the CNS Distinguished Service Award from Dr. Christopher Shields.

#### CNS Meeting continued

Residents attending the meeting enjoyed a special luncheon where they were able to personally meet Honored Guest Dr. Thor Sundt and share his experiences. Dr. Nayef R.F. Al-Rodhan received the CNS Resident Award for his presentation entitled "System characterization of the role of the amygdala in the central modulation of pain using receptor selective opioids, enkephalins and five non-opioid neuroactive peptide analogues."

The Local Arrangements Chairs, Drs. Mollie and Dan Barrow, made an outstanding selection of events for the social and auxilliary functions. Each event was superbly orchestrated. The membership particularly enjoyed the opening cocktail party at the Georgia Railroad Depot which featured an old fashioned Georgia-style jazz fest and barbecue. The auxilliary enjoyed touring city landmarks and, of course, shopping. An excellent auxilliary educational program, featuring faculty from Emory University and

nual separate MVPS rate. Congressional approval would be necessary. This study then would address the previous request of the American College of Surgeons to have a separate surgical ET although it would now be a MVPS.

## Medicare Part B Claim Submission

As of September 1, 1990 the physician must submit all claims, assigned or non-assigned, within one year. Payment will be reduced by 10% if an assigned claim is not submitted. Sanctions will apply if a non-assigned claim is not submitted.

#### Outcomes Research, Practice Guidelines

The Secretary of HHS, through the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) will evaluate outcome, effectiveness and appropriateness of health care services and procedures. Initial guidelines will be developed by January 1, 1991 for at least three clinical treatments or conditions accounting for a significant portion of Medicare payments. These will be conditions or treatments having a significant variation in the frequency or type of treatment provided. A determination will be made on the impact of the use of the guidelines regarding quality, appropriateness, effectiveness and cost of care. That report is to be submitted to Congress by January 1, 1993.

Merwyn Bagan, M.D.



Dr. Thor Sundt, Honored Guest, receives an Honorary Membership in the CNS from Dr. Mike McWhorter, President, while Barbara McWhorter looks on.

The Center for Disease Control, was presented. The Annual Banquet was a wonderful surprise featuring the New York dance troupe Chezzam with their spectacular entertainment and their unique ability to coax even the likes of Past-President Dr. Chris Shields and Honored Guest Dr. Thor Sundt onto the dance floor.

It was my pleasure to serve as the Annual Meeting Chairman for the 1989 Annual Meeting. Bonnie and I would like once again to express our sincere appreciation to Dr. Mike and Barbara McWhorter, the members of the Annual Meeting and Scientific Program Committee, and Linda Campbell and the Chicago office staff. Without the dedication, organizational skills, effort, and enthusiasm of these people, the meeting would not have been the success, or as much fun, as it was.

L. Nick Hopkins, M.D. 1989 Annual Meeting Chairman

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George Ablin, M.D., Editor World Directory of Neurological Surgeons, Part II 2828 H Street Bakersfield, California 93301

#### 9th International Congress of Neurological Surgeons

The 9th International Congress of Neurological Surgery was held October 8-13, 1989, in New Delhi, India. Approximately 2,500 were in attendance. Representing CNS were: Dr. John Tew, Delegate; Dr. George Ablin, Delegate; and Dr. Morris Loffman, Interim Delegate.

In appreciation and recognition of the 9th ICNS, the CNS President, Dr. Mike McWhorter, and its membership, presented

an especially prepared scroll in calligraphy expressing the CNSs' admiration and appreciation to the officers of the 9th ICNS.

George Ablin, M.D.

#### Neurotrauma Care Committee

Recognizing the necessity for the involvement of neurosurgeons in the care of the injured patient, the AANS and CNS have established a committee to provide an organized response to any appropriate governmental or medical facility desiring evaluation of the optimal integration of the neurosurgical resources available in the development of local or regional trauma systems.

The committee endorses and relies heavily on the "American College of Surgeons Hospital and Pre-hospital Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient" and will recommend neurological surgeons for ACS multidisciplinary verification and consultation teams. In addition to supporting the ACS verification process, it is anticipated there will be situations where only neuro-trauma evaluation is required with questions originating form agencies of government, hospitals, and neurosurgeons themselves. All parties to whom recommendations were

made would be given to understand that the committee was acting only as a consulting and advisory body and had no specific legal status.

The committee recognizes that requests for our services may come from localities where controversy already exists. Circumspection would be used to avoid any conflict of interest in such situations. When a request for consultation is received the committee will notify the president of the respective state neurosurgical society requesting input and assistance that might be appropriate to the situation under review.

Requests regarding the consultation process can be addressed to:

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Suite 100
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068
or to:
Donald Sheffel, M.D.
1131 North 35th Avenue
Suite 301
Hollywood, Florida 33021
(305) 985-1490
or to:

Lawrence H. Pitts, M.D. 1001 Potrero Avenue San Francisco, California 94110 (415) 476-3860

#### **Section Reports**

#### Joint Section on Tumors

Ian F. Pollack, M.D., from the University of Pittsburgh was the winner of the Preuss Resident Award at the CNS Annual Meeting in Atlanta this past October. His paper entitled "Response of malignant glial cells to epidermal growth factor, platelet-derived growth factor and phorbal ester in a chemically-defined, serum-free medium" was presented at the CNS Tumor Section Workshop and was very well received.

The program at the Tumor Section Workshop in Atlanta provided a provocative discussion of the current diagnosis and treatment of low-grade gliomas. Speakers included Drs. Michael Salcman, Luis Schut, Edward Laws and Robert Morantz.

The Joint Section Workshop at the AANS Annual Meeting in Nashville this May will feature a program on "Optic Pathway Gliomas." The natural history, biology, pathology, and surgical treatment of optic pathway gliomas will be discussed. Speakers will include Dr. Neil Miller, neuro-opthalmologist from Johns Hopkins. Dr. Buster Alvord, neuropathologist from the University of Washington and Dr. Edgar Housepian, neurosurgeon from Columbia University.

The Joint Section Workshop at the 1990 CNS Annual Meeting in Los Angeles will involve a program on the topic of "Metastatic Spine Tumors." Speakers will discuss the incidence, diagnosis, surgical treatment and radiation therapy of metastatic spine neoplasms.

The Preuss Foundation will continue to fund the Resident Research Award of both

the AANS and the CNS. Applicants should submit the standard abstract form for the Annual Meetings and in addition be prepared to submit an expanded abstract.

The publishers of the *Journal of Neuro-Oncology*, Kiuwer Academic Publishers, have agreed to provide a 15% discount on the subscription rate for members of the Joint Section on Tumors. They have also offered to provide occassional pages in the Journal for announcements and messages by the Joint Section on Tumors.

If your are interested in joining the Section on Tumors as an Active, International or Resident Member, please write to Dr. Peter Black, Chairman, Division of Neurosurgery, Brigham and Women's Hospital, 75 Francis Street, Boston, MA 02115.

William F. Chandler, M.D.

### Joint Section on Neurotrauma and Critical Care

The General Motors Corporation has generously provided funds to promote research in neurotrauma by young investigators. Three awards will be given at the April 1990 meeting of the AANS in Nashville in the amounts of \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500.

#### **Eligibility and Requirements:**

1. Original, previously unpublished research will be accepted on any topic related to neurotrauma and critical care. Areas of research may include head, spinal cord or peripheral nerve injury, sports medicine, or

prevention, may involve primary or secondary injury, and can be either clinical or experimental in nature.

- 2. Applicants must be within three years of completion of a neurosurgical training program and must have performed the research in an accredited North American neurosurgical training program.
- 3. A letter from the program director or laboratory chief must accompany the submission verifying that the research was done by the applicant. The applicant need not be the sole author of the work.
- 4. A detailed abstract, no longer than 10 pages in length (including illustrations and references), must be submitted and will constitute the application.
- 5. The first place winner must present a 10-15 minute oral synopsis of the research at the AANS meeting in Nashville in April 1990. Travel expenses are included as part of the award.

#### Deadline for submission: MARCH 1, 1990

Selection of awards will be made by the Research Committee of the Joint Section on Neurotrauma and Critical Care. Winners will be notified by April 1, 1990.

Mail submissions and documentation to:

Thomas A. Gennarelli, M.D. 3400 Spruce Street Philadelphia, PA 19104

## **Information About Obtaining Neurosurgical CME Credits For A Course Offering Or A Meeting**

After a recent review, the Joint Committee on Education of the AANS and CNS has again been authorized by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to assign continuing medical education credits for courses and meetings relevant to neurosurgery. The ACCME evaluates all the continuing medical educational sponsors in the United States according to standards adopted by its component organizations which include the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Hospital Association, the Americal Medical Association, the Association for Hospital Medical Education, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the Council of Medical Specialties, and the Societies and Federations of State Medical Boards.

Several changes in our current arrangements are necessary to maintain compliance with ACCME guidelines, however. The ACCME has requested that the following criteria be met for any CME activity requesting accreditation:

 A written statement of the continuing medical education mission of the applicant organization.

Established procedures for identifying and analyzing CME needs and interests of prospective participants.

3. Explicit objectives for the CME activity being applied for.

 Educational activities consistent in content and method with the stated objectives.

 Evaluation of the effectiveness of the continuing medical program and component activites. Evidence that the necessary resources are available and effectively used to fulfill the continuing medical mission.

The requirements will be incorporated into the application form for neurosurgical CME credits; moreover, the accreditation process will be managed directly by the office of the chairman of the Subcommittee on Self-Assessment and Sponsorship rather that the AANS national office at the suggestion of the ACCME.

Beginning February 1, 1990, therefore, application forms for CME credits from an organization sponsoring a course or meeting should be requested at the time the course or meeting is being intially planned from:

Peter McBlack, M.D., Ph.D.

Chairman, Subcommittee on Self-Assessment and Sponsorship, Join Committee on Education, AANS/CNS

The Children's Hospital 300 Longwood Avenue Boston, MA 02115 617/735-6008

The application should be filled in and returned to the above address. It will be reviewed by a member of the Subcommittee on Self-Assessment and Sponsorship who will assign credits and act as advisor for the program. He or she will also be responsible for overseeing the evaluation of the program; this will allow the Joint Committee to fulfill the requirement that it be involved in the entire planning of the course, which is necessary to assign CME credits. No program will be given retroactive credits.

Peter M. Black, M.D.

#### **Public Relations Update**

Initial media response from the recent CNS Annual Meeting in Atlanta has been positive. Two mornings of media briefings were held, on such topics as trauma, balloon angioplasty, tissue transplantation, back pain, radiosurgery, skull base surgery, and surgery for epilepsy. These small seminars are designed to provide general information and an update on key areas of the specialty, and have been well received by the media. In attendance were representatives from the Atlanta Constitution and Atlanta Journal, Medical Post, and Associated Press. To date articles have appeared in both the Constitution and the Journal on severe head injuries and tissue transplantation. Associated Press syndicated an article on tissue transplantation for which clippings have been received from five different papers thus far. Because of the proximity of the meeting, it is anticipated that copies of additional articles will be received in the future. Drs. Robert Hood and Gary Gropper and the Public Relations Committee are to be congratulated for their work on behalf of the CNS public relations efforts.

The Decade of the Brain begins on January 1, 1990. Plans are being made for an annual neurosurgery symposium for health and science writers to be held in Washington, D.C., in cooperation with George

Washington University Medical School. Additional invitees will include key legislative aides. A major focus on stroke is planned for the first seminar.

We continue to serve as a resource for media. Calls received in 1989 have included such diverse media as CBS News, Time, JAMA, UPI, Physicians Radio Network, San Jose Mercury News, Albany Times, Times Picayune, Medical Economics, AM News, Cable News Network, NBC News, ABC News, U.S. News and World Report, and the Des Moines Register, among others. Often-asked questions include background information on the number of neurosurgeons, numbers of procedures performed, or other statistical information. Specific questions are quite often referred to the section chairmen for response.

Interest continues strong on the patient brochure, "What Is Neurosurgery?" For a sample or for information concerning price and availability, contact the AANS National Office at 708/692-9500. Individual imprint capability for names and office addresses is also available for a more personalized brochure. Additional brochures are planned for production in 1990.

Mark J. Kubala, M.D., Chairman Public Relations Committee

## CME Credits in Neurosurgery for Members of the CNS

The bylaws of the CNS require that members earn the Continuing Education Award in neurosurgery. This award in the past has required that 60 hours of Category 1 credit hours be obtained every three years. Beginning January 1, 1990, the award certificate will be issued on a common anniversary date every three years. To move into this three year cycle, a varying number of CME credits will be required for the new certificates in 1990 only, depending on when your last certificate was issued. By January 1, 1990, each CNS member should have obtained credit hours as follows: if you last received an award in 1987, you will need to have had 60 further hours of credit; if you received your last award in 1988, you will have needed 40 more credit hours; and if you last received an award in 1989, you will have need 20 further credit hours during this year. You should have been notified of your status vis-a-vis credits within the last two months.

Beginning January 1, 1990 the number of credit hours required for the award will increase to 90 hours every three years. Between January 1, 1990 and January 1, 1993 each member of the CNS will therefore have to have 90 credit hours in neurosurgery.

The process of assigning credit hours to you is as automatic as we can make it. When you register for a course which has been accredited for neurosurgical CME, the course director sends your name to the AANS office in Park Ridge and the credit hours granted to you are automatically recorded. Every three years you are issued a certificate that verifies that you have obtained the required credits.

An ongoing record of the credits attributed to you is kept in the CNS office; you may obtain a printout at any time by writing CME Credits, CNS National Office, 22 South Washington Street, Suite 100, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

Two problems occur regularly in the assignment of credits. The first is the situation where you have taken a course you feel is relevant to neurosurgery but do not get neurosurgical credit for it. The problem here is usually that the course director has not applied to the Joint Committee on Education for neurosurgery credits. The mechanisms for applying for credit in neurosurgery are presented in an accompanying article. In such a situation you may still be eligible for CME credits for the AMA Physicians Recognition Award for the course; however, it will not count toward the Continuing Education Award in neurosurgery.

The second problem occurs if you have not been able to obtain the required number of credits in the last three years. The Executive Committee is very committed to encouraging CME, however, by application to the Committee an extension of time may be granted; requests should be sent to Dr. Peter Black, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Self-Assessment and Sponsorship, Joint Committee on Education, AANS/CNS, The Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115 (telephone 617/735-6008).

Peter M. Black, M.D.

#### 1990 CNS Clinical Fellowship

The deadline for applications for the 1990 CNS Clinical Fellowships is *January 15, 1990*. As in the past, there will be up to five fellowship grants available in amounts of up to \$5,000 apiece. This is intended to support *clinical activities* that will supplement residency training at a different institution. This must comprise a three to six months experience either at the very end of training or immediately after completion of training. This must be an experience which is not otherwise formally funded. Please write to me for an application.

#### Resident Membership

Letters have recently been sent out to all program directors with the names of new and upper year residents who are not currently Resident Members of the CNS. An application for membership was included for each non-member. If you have fellow residents who are still not members of the CNS, please ask them to check with your program director or write to me for an application.

Over 75% of neurosurgery residents throughout the United States and Canada, plus a number from Mexico, are now Resident Members of the CNS. For just a one time fee of \$25.00 residents receive a free yearly copy of *Clinical Neurosurgery*, a reduced rate

for *Neurosurgery*, and a number of discounts at the Annual Meeting.

#### Annual Meeting

The next CNS Annual Meeting will be held in Los Angeles, October 20-25, 1990. Major topics of the meeting will include neuroimaging, focused radiosurgery, seizure surgery, acoustic neuromas, endovascular procedures, vascular malformations, the thoracic spine and many others. An abstract request is enclosed in this newsletter and the deadline for all abstracts is March 31, 1990. Papers and posters with residents as the primary authors are always welcomed and encouraged for the Annual Meeting.

The Honored Guest for the 1990 Meeting is Dr. Charles B. Wilson, Chairman of Neurosurgery at the University of California San Francisco. Dr. Wilson will speak on several topics during the meeting and will meet with all of the residents in attendance during a special Residents Luncheon. This promises to be an exciting and educational meeting, so please make plans to attend.

#### **Placement Services**

For inquiries about general neurosurgery practice opportunities, please write:

Harold D. Smith, M.D. 2011 Church Street Nashville, Tennessee

For information about academic neurosurgery opportunities, please write:

William A. Friedman, M.D. University of Florida Health Center Box J-265 Gainesville, Florida 32610

(Note: These are for practice opportunities only, *not* residency positions.)

William F. Chandler, M.D. University of Michigan Medical Center 1500 E. Medical Center Drive Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Beginning January 1990, William Friedman will be the new Chairman of the Residents Committee. All inquiries regarding resident membership in the Congress should be addressed to him. I have enjoyed serving as chairman of the Residents Committee for the past three years. Dr. Friedman's address is;

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