

The VOICE



Chair's Corner

Celebrate Spring

By now, all of us in the Emeritus community who have elected to have the vaccine have received all the required injections. We are, as they say, fully vaccinated. Although not equivalent to the pre-Covid normalcy, the security of knowing the efficacy of these vaccines has proven liberating. This sense of optimism coincides with the transition from the isolation of cold mid-western winter into the vibrancy and rebirth of spring 2021.

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Nominations for Distinguished Emeriti Award Open

The Distinguished Emeriti Award is presented yearly to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions of a member of the [Rochester](#) Emeritus staff. The award is presented at the October Annual Business meeting and also recognized at the Annual Meeting of the Staff in November.

Nominee qualifications:

1) Member of Emeritus Staff in good standing and currently **not** an officer of Emeritus Staff Leadership. Individuals may not nominate themselves.

2) Nominees should demonstrate dedication to Mayo Clinic core values. A combination of leadership, innovation, teamwork, and mutual respect shown by their contributions and with service to Emeriti, support staff, and the larger community is expected. Emeritus efforts in one or more categories will be evaluated.

A) Education activities: including teaching, mentoring, training.

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However, we realistically have not experienced a vibrant spring season for two years, as the opportunity to celebrate spring last year was stripped from us by a raging pandemic. Venturing out into the spring of 2021 has the promise of a reawakening and a greater appreciation for the wonders of life and nature. What was once perceived to be routine, not rising to the level of consciousness, now may assume greater importance in our lives.

I would hope that we become more aware of our surroundings, realizing the real threat of having even mundane experiences taken away. It is time for all of us to take walks, hike, bike or simply spend time on a park bench watching the world go by. You will be amazed at how your senses, dormant for two years and starved for challenges, come alive! You will see more clearly the green of the grass, the blue of the wild violets and the pink buds on the apple trees. You will hear more acutely the birds singing, the wind in the trees and children playing in the distance.



You will smell more intensely recently cut grass, crab apple blossoms and family BBQ's. You will have a renewed appreciation for the taste of ice cream. In short, you may experience life and nature more fully than you have in a very long time.



Hellebore Ivory Prince, by Judith Wilder

A natural sequel then is my appeal for you to participate in the outdoor social activities being organized by Joanne Rosener for the Emeritus community this spring and summer. Beyond serving to jumpstart your senses to the beauty and grandeur of our world, these outings will encourage much needed, and so compromised until recently by the pandemic, social contact.



Michael Rock, M.D.
Chair, Emeriti Executive
Committee

Distinguished Emeriti, continued:

B. Academic productivity: including editorship, publications, writing books, committees, etc.

C. Humanitarian efforts: at community, state, national, and/or international levels.

3) This award does **NOT** recognize past performance as a voting staff member. It is focused on the individual's considerable **efforts during retirement.**



2017 Distinguished Emeritus awardee, Edward C. Rosenow, III, M.D.

Nominations require two or more letters of support from other Mayo emeriti and must be received no later than July 1, 2021. The awardee will be chosen in July by a committee comprised of representatives from both the Emeriti Executive Committee and the Officers & Councilors.

Mayo Clinic Health Letter

The Emeritus office has received several inquiries regarding the complimentary subscription to the Mayo Clinic Health Letter for emeriti.

Mayo is no longer sending printed issues of the Mayo Clinic Health Letter to emeriti via mail. However, the digital, online version of the publication is now available free of charge to all emeriti.

Please send a request for this subscription to healthletter@mayoclinic.com, and your name and email address will be added to the distribution database.



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Featured Article

Part II: W.W. Mayo expands into a surgical practice.

(continued from the January 8th edition of *The VOICE*)

Common problems in women in Dr. Mayo's time were persistent pelvic disorders related to childbirth injuries. No therapy for them was established. Perhaps from frustration, Dr. Mayo became interested in searching for a possible surgical technique to repair these disabling conditions. He had successfully drained a large ovarian tumor sac of about five gallons of fluid in 1866. As dramatic as that was, he was unable to help women who had suffered tissue damage during birth. He decided to revisit New York City to see whether there had been progress in the management of these problems since his previous visit years before, and for new surgical methods that he might apply back home. Thus, in 1869, at age 50, he travelled to New York City for several months to study general surgery and gynecology. While there had been some progress in gynecologic surgery, there was still a lack of major surgical advances, a high rate of postoperative infection with frequent mortality and lack of safe anesthesia for longer reparative procedures. After returning home, he continued to fol-

low a woman with a large rectocele that interfered with normal bowel function. Even though an earlier attempt had failed, she wanted him to try to repair the prolapse. Other experienced surgeons he asked could offer no suggestions. In 1871, at the patient's urging, he performed a radical operation he had devised. It cured her. The success gave him confidence in his judgement and his abilities. It also added to his reputation when he reported this case and similar ones at the state medical society.

In the late 1870s, he had another spectacularly successful case. A patient who had become confined to bed or chair due to a massive ovarian tumor asked him to remove the tumor surgically. Using ether anesthesia, he first aspirated the



Figure 1. Dr. Mayo out on a house call with medical bag

large amount of fluid and then slowly removed the tumor, which itself weighed some 20 pounds. The patient recovered.

As his ability and success with difficult cases increased, his reputation and his consultative practice expanded. He was called in for difficult surgical cases of all types and he was referred patients for surgery from many general physicians. In the

1880's, sterile technique was being introduced and its application reduced the frequency of postoperative infections. Dr. Mayo was proud when his surgical cases didn't have infections

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Featured Article, continued:

post-operatively but apparently he was not meticulous about his practice in all respects because he still operated many times in the street clothes he was wearing.

As sons Will and Charlie grew into their teens, they helped Dr. Mayo on his trips to see patients in the country, in the office, and in surgery. Old Dr. Mayo taught his young sons to be honest and forthright, and to treat all patients with kindness and respect. After Dr. Will graduated from medical school in 1883 and Dr. Charlie in 1888 they assisted their father in the full degree of practice. As the sons became more active, the older Dr. Mayo cut back on his practice and eventually stopped.

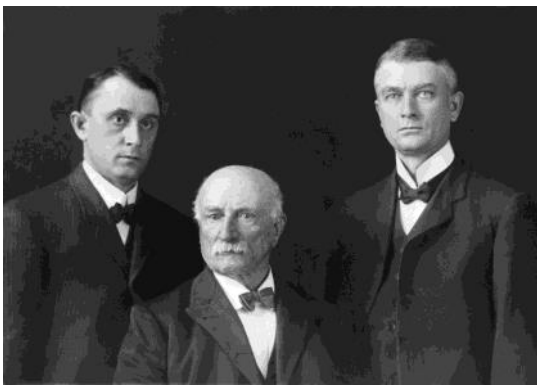


Figure 2: Dr. WW Mayo with his two famous sons, 1990

Dr. Mayo had developed one of the largest practices in southern Minnesota. He was frankly honest, kind and respectful to all patients, though he was somewhat haphazard collecting fees. He kept up a heavy schedule through the 1880's even though he was in his 60's. He was a wonderful mentor to his two sons. He instilled in

them the idea of independence in their practice, the concept that the patient is most important, and the desire to continually improve their professional skills.

Dr. Mayo retired from practice gradually but kept busy in other activities. In 1910, he injured his hand and forearm in a farm accident and went through three operations and finally an amputation. The stress seemed to affect his health in general and he died in 1911 a few months short of his 92nd birthday.



Gene Hunder, M.D.
Author
Associate Editor, *The VOICE*

Reader Feedback

Gene-

Thank you very much for publishing your article about W.W. Mayo in the VOICE. I learned a lot from it. However, as the chair of one of the Democratic-Farmer Labor Party's units in Olmsted County, there's a minor error I wanted to let you know about. According to the Minnesota Legislature's website, W.W. was in the Minnesota Senate from 1891-1895, not until 1893. You may be interested to know that Senator Matt Klein, M.D. (MMS '93) joined the Mayo Clinic Staff as an SAC in the Division of Hospital Inter-

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Reader Feedback, continued:

nal Medicine this month, making him the first Mayo physician in the Minnesota legislature since W.W. Mayo (as far as I can tell). Klein, who is in his second term, represents a district just south and east of St. Paul and is a DFLer. He is the second Mayo employee in the current Legislature. Elizabeth (Liz) Boldon, a nurse educator, is in her first term representing, as a DLF, much of the north side of Rochester in the House of Representatives. Of course, Dave Senjem, a Mayo retiree, is in his 19th year representing, as a Republican, the northern part of Olmsted County and some of Dodge County in the Senate.

Mark Liebow

Tax Preparation Reimbursements

Tax invoices or receipts for tax reimbursements should be sent to or dropped off at the Mayo Tax Office:

Email: MayoTaxService.OSS@mayo.edu

In Person: Use the drop box outside Office of Staff Services: Mayo Lobby Level, 126W

Mail: Mayo Tax Office, 200 First St. SW, Rochester, MN 55905

Tech Refresh

Tracking your Continuing Medical Education (CME)

Mayo's learning management system has the capability of tracking your CME. To access, log into CE.mayo.edu on any computer (either inside or outside the Mayo firewall).

- For instructions on viewing your registered courses, viewing your transcript or for self-entry, click [HERE](#).

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- For live webcasts go to: [Mayo Live](#)

[Webcasts](#) (The schedule of events is [HERE](#))

For Archived Mayo videos, go the Video Exchange at: <https://videoexchange.mayo.edu>

Mayo Library - Go to [Mayo Clinic Library](#) (library.mayo.edu) and log in with your LAN ID and password.

For detailed instructions, please visit the [Emeriti Association Digital Connections](#) web page

Rochester Campus News

Upcoming CME Events



Sign up today for this event
which happens **tomorrow!!**

Men's Health Update: Engagement, Prevention and Performance May 8, 2021

Livestream

This unique CME course addresses a variety of health issues specific to men, highlighting medical conditions that may cause varying symptoms which affect men differently than women, thus requiring special treatment or prevention protocols.

Faculty will provide engaging and clinically relevant updates that you can apply to practice right away. Case-based presentations and interactive

Q&A sessions offer ample opportunities for interaction with Mayo Clinic experts.

Comprehensive gender-specific topics addressed include:

Hypertension and renal disease

Diabetes

Heart health

Health disparities

Mental health and suicide

Veteran health engagement

BPH and prostate health

Outpatient cancer screening

Health maintenance and male vitality

[REGISTER](#) Remember that your participation is free as an emeritus colleague.

Arizona Campus News

In 2021, we continue to grow our relationships and include several Rochester retirees who now live full or part time in Arizona. The MCA Emeriti Execs are busy planning activities for fall. In the meantime, we will keep you posted on any remote activities we schedule including Educational Adventures and Interests presentations.

It's warming up in the desert so our monthly hikes will resume in October. With fingers crossed, we hope to celebrate the holidays with our 4th Quarterly Meeting and Annual Emeritus Staff Holiday Party."

Julie Hillard, Academic Support Specialist

From our Florida Community

“So, what is it like living in Florida?”

I get that question a lot from retired Mayo colleagues in Rochester. Some ask as part of polite conversation small talk, some ask with a hint of curiosity wondering what this lifestyle might be like for them, and others ask with intense interest indicating that they are seriously considering making a change in their retirement lives. This third group of questioners is not small, as more than half of our 1000+ Mayo Rochester retirees have decided to live somewhere other than Minnesota.

To describe what living in Florida is like I need to start with a couple of disclaimers. First, my wife and I are snowbirds who primarily spend the winter in Florida and the summer in Minnesota, so we are not full-fledged Florida residents who have cut the Minnesota cord completely. Second, we live in northeast Florida, Jacksonville Beach, specifically. And just as different regions of Minnesota are different from each other socially, politically, and geographically, the same is true of Florida. North Florida is different from south Florida, east Florida is different from west Florida, and none of the above are like the Panhandle region. So, my experience is from the perspective of a northeast Florida, part-time, resident.

We love north Florida, partly because it is a less populated “forgotten” part of Florida. Most east coast retirees, for example, travel through but don’t stop in northern Florida on their annual migratory treks to Fort Lauderdale and Miami, and many Midwesterners favor the west coast and end up in Sarasota and Naples.

This leaves northeast Florida as a less crowded, less retirement oriented, alternative to other parts of the state. Although many people enjoy living further south because of the relatively warmer climate, the typical mid-winter highs in Jacksonville are in the 60s, and lows in the 40s, which is like fall weather in Minnesota. This is very refreshing, and I walk on the beach every day in the winter. The sand is incredibly broad and firm for walking and extends for miles in both directions from Jacksonville Beach. There is always something interesting to encounter on the beach, such as other walkers and joggers, surfers, excited dogs and their owners, young people, older people, occasional beach weddings, yoga and fitness classes, and of course, the beautiful ocean.

The ability to get outside throughout the winter and be involved in activities such as bike riding, hiking, boating, swimming, fishing, golf, and tennis is one of the biggest draws to living in Florida. Golf is incredibly popular and there are many local golf courses which are available to play year-round. The PGA headquarters are located in town, and the annual TPC professional golf tournament is played here each March. Jacksonville has the largest urban park system in the nation, so there are many green places to visit and hike. Fishing season extends all year and there are a variety of fresh and saltwater options, ranging from surf fishing to fishing from a kayak on an inland waterway. Sailors have a lot of opportunities for time on the water, and although I am not a boater, I do enjoy sitting at an outdoor restaurant on the inland waterway and watching the stream of yachts heading south for the winter in

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From our Community, continued:

November, and then heading back north in the spring, which is the equivalent of a migratory highway for boats. The Jacksonville Jaguars are the only major league sports team in town. They are rather hapless and had the worst record in football last year. But, because of that, they will have the number one draft pick this year, and a new coach, so there is always the eternal hope for next year.

For those who prefer cultural activities, there are a number of excellent museums, historic neighborhoods, street fairs and craft markets, jazz festivals, and the Jacksonville symphony to name a few. There are many diverse restaurant options. My favorite restaurants are those that feature the local seafood which range from trendy bistros to relaxed fish camps. There are many local coffee shops and craft breweries. Even with all of the restaurants close by, we often choose to sit on our deck in the evening, watch the sun go down on the beach, and cook dinner for ourselves and friends.

When people in Jacksonville leave town for the day to travel, they may go south to tourist

popular St. Augustine, or north to Amelia Island, both of which are less than one hour away. Savannah, Hilton Head and Orlando are to to three hours away for short weekend getaways, and some people travel six to seven hours to the mountains in north Georgia and North Carolina for a week or a long weekend, which is the equivalent to traveling to the “Minnesota cabin up north”. Jacksonville has an excellent mid-sized airport, although like Rochester, in many cases it requires a flight to a neighboring city, Atlanta, to make connections to many additional locations.

So, I hope that I have provided you with some insight into what it is like to live in Florida and why we enjoy it so much. I look forward to hearing the experiences of other Emeriti who are living in other parts of the country.



Carl Reading, M.D.



Sunset on the Gulf, David Driscoll, M.D.

Books and other Pastimes



Rochester Stories: A Med City History by Paul Scanlon, M.D., History Press, 2021

Best known for the world-renowned Mayo Clinic, Rochester's rich history holds so much more beyond medical excellence. But why was the world's greatest medical center built virtually in the middle of a corn field in the first place? What happened to the Native Americans in the area? Were there ever bears in Bear Creek? Why are there so many geese at Silver Lake, and how did the Zumbro River get its name? What do the extinction of the dinosaurs and the passenger pigeon have to do with Rochester?

Retired Mayo Clinic doctor and Rochester native Paul Scanlon answers these questions and more in this collection of historic tales from Med City. [Reviewed by Post Bulletin 4/14/2021:](#)

The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race by Walter Isaacson. Published by Simon and Schuster, 2021

The book chronicles the journey of Dr. Jennifer Doudna, the recipient of the 2020 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Anyone interested in genetic

engineering, gene editing and the potential clinical implications, applications of these innovations (such as CRISPR) must read this book. It is not hyperbole when the title implies that the future of the human race may be altered by these inventions.

From Michael Rock, M.D.

First Principles: What America's Founders Learned from the Greeks and Romans and How That Shaped our Country by Thomas E. Ricks, Published by Harper 2020

This is an engaging quick read at just over 385 pages including 64 pages of explanatory notes; it is extremely well annotated to the delight of compulsive readers! Thankfully, there is no inflammatory or controversial rhetoric.

The focus starts with a deep dive into the lives of our first four presidents: George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison through 1861 at the start of the Civil War.

Ricks guides the reader via a fascinating journey of these president's lives as they struggled to answer the question "what kind of country do we build?" He elucidates the teachings of the ancients and the manner in which our presidents incorporated these principles into the emerging nascent nation.

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The author then poses the question “what kind of country have we become?”

Ricks tackles with finesse, honesty and insight, thorny issues of the First People (Native Americans), slavery, ongoing racial tensions and the LGBTQ community. He concludes with 10 suggestions on “what we can do.” *Spoiler alert:* number ten is: “to know your history.”

You will indeed know much more history if you give this book your attention; I highly recommend it!

From Robert Shannon, M.D.

Charles Rohren, M.D., provides a list of his favorite books: If you like literate mysteries, see Tim Johnston’s *The Current* (Algonquin Books, 2019). Or anything by Jane Harper. (Most of which are published by Flatiron Press). If you like riveting page turners, try anything by Michael Connelly. If it’s riveting page turners but also with humor that you’d enjoy, read anything by Robert Crais (Various publishers).

Hitting the Road submitted by Karmen Reid

After retiring from Mayo Human Resources in 2013, we hit the road and haven't looked back! We sold our house and most everything we had in Rochester, and lived out of our trailer. We started with a pop-up, graduated to a 21-foot Airstream, and are now "glamping" in a 25-foot Airstream. We spend most of the year

camping. We have visited about every state, including Alaska, as well as most Canadian provinces. We have made several RV trips down to Mexico, too.

We camp generally in state parks, national parks, Army Corps of Engineer parks, while avoiding commercial RV parks when we can. We have also joined Harvest Hosts, a system by which we can camp free at their affiliated wineries, breweries, farms, and museums. What fun it is to enjoy some wine-tasting, then totter a few feet back to the camper!

In "normal" years (no Covid), we also spend several months house-sitting around the world, taking care of people's pets and houses. We hope to get back to this in late 2021.

In this year of self-isolation, we spent several months in a "tiny house" we recently built in south Texas. The house is perfect for our needs, and is located in a community with a swimming pool, community center, etc.

If you would like any information about our travels (like Harvest Host or housesitting), contact me at reidkarm@gmail.com

It is an Airstream "thing" to name your trailer. I finally came up with name for ours – “Joy.” So, follow my blog as we "travel with Joy" and certainly "travel with joy in our hearts". The blog address is

[www..reidsontheroad2018.wordpress.com](http://www.reidsontheroad2018.wordpress.com)

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Books and other Pastimes, continued:

Bob Myers M.D. shares a delicious Fruit and Vegetable Smoothie Recipe, given to him from a former health-conscious patient.

- One apple, no need to peel
- One pear, no need to peel
- Broccoli
- Black grapes
- Blueberries
- One tablespoon of honey
- One small beetroot (or several canned slices)
- Half a pint of water or more if required

Directions: Just blend them all with a heavy-duty blender.

Bob also shares some less watched movies and

TV series he found both entertaining and non-violent. He reports that most of them are available on Netflix. They include:

- **Borgen**
- **Emily in Paris**
- **Velvet**
- **Velvet Collección**
- **Rita**
- **Hjordis**
- **Grand Hotel**
- **In Order of Disappearance**
- **Ten Per Cent**
- **Land Girls**
- **Rebecca**
- **Operation Ouch**
- **Cable Girls**
- **Nobody's Fool**
- **Philomena**
- **About Time**
- **The Dig**
- **The Next Three Days**



Courage Rainbow by Kitteren Jester

Activities and Highlights

Getting The Shot: Photographing Brown Bears in Alaska and Humpback Whales in Hawaii



This social event presented by Denise Dupras, and Bob Moore was attended by over 50 people! While they provided stunning photography of brown bears and humpback whales, the emphasis was on photographic technique. We trust that the crowd that gathered virtually will now be able to get closer to that perfect shot. A hearty thanks to Denise and Bob for a wonderful presentation!



Denise M. Dupras,
M.D., Ph.D.



Robert M. Moore,
Jr., M.D.

Join the Bicycle Fund Raiser for the National MS Society

Team Co-Captain Jackie Leavitt writes: The National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society has many walking and biking fund-raising activities across the country. This year, Bike MS: MS 150 in Minnesota will be a one-day loop route that starts and finishes at the National Sports Center in Blaine, MN on June 12th. I encourage you to join us!

There is a small registration fee and everyone is required to raise \$300 for the MS Society. But that's a small price for a week of seeing a different part of the state, getting exercise, hanging out with friends and making new ones along the way. Our Rochester team, called the Krebs Cycle, has been the number one fundraiser for each of the years since 2008 that I have participated

Join a community of riders dedicated to changing the world for people with MS one pedal stroke at a time. Well-established, with lots of support for the riders, the Bike MS: MS 150 was the first ride in the Bike MS series, starting in 1980. Feel the extraordinary support and excitement throughout your one-day journey as we come together to reach our goal—a world free of MS.

Future Social Event: Date TBD

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Noun.

An informal social gathering, especially one organized by the members of a particular club or group.

Emeriti Staff are social beings! Participation in our social events and activities is proof of their popularity. To satisfy the interests of our group, we need your suggestions. What types of events or activities would you like to see? Is there a topic or program you'd like to have offered? Are there speakers you'd be interested in hearing? Perhaps you have something you'd like to share. Please send your ideas to the Emeritus Staff Center or via *The VOICE*. Thank you!

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April Quarterly Meeting

Greg Poland, M.D., provided the virtual audience at the Emeritus Quarterly Meeting on April 15th with real science on the SARS-COV-2 virus and the ensuing pandemic, but as a virologist, he also spoke to his frustration with the world's inability to have foreseen a pandemic, prepared for it, and then mobilized early with masks, social distancing and hand sanitation. These pragmatic three steps would have been far more expedient, if widely adopted while the world was waiting for a vaccine, but they still remain critical. We have entered a particularly dangerous time as more variants continue to blight those unvaccinated.

Accordingly, he was anxious about the eight per cent of the U.S. population who have not returned for their second Pfizer or Moderna vaccine dose to complete the vaccination protocol. The single dose is eighty percent effective, but has shorter- long term immunity while both doses provide a longer lasting and ninety-five percent protection.

Greg was optimistic about approval for COVID-vaccination in teenagers, given that the new variants are producing more significant illness in younger people. He sat on the CDC advisory panel and agreed with the final decision to allow use of the single dose J&J vaccine, stating that we have the information necessary to define the risks of this complication, and educated the

women, as well as the physicians who will see this rare thrombocytopenic thrombosis syndrome in patients who have been vaccinated with the J&J vaccine. The benefits clearly outweigh the risks.



Gregory Poland, M.D.

Future Events

May 2021

May 7th: *The VOICE* is published.

May 8th: **Men's Health Update: Engagement, Prevention and Performance Livestream.** CME-granting educational program. **Must pre-register!**

May 30th: **Memorial Day**

June 2021

June 12th: Bike MS: MS 150 Fund Raiser in Blaine, Minnesota.

July 2021

July 4th: Independence Day

July 15: Emeritus Quarterly Meeting

In Memoriam



Manfred D. Muentert, M.D., died on February 12, 2021 in Phoenix at age 86. Manfred was born in Berlin, Germany and received the M.D. degree from Berlin Freie Universitaet in 1957. After a short period of training in surgery in Germany, he interned at Lutheran Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland (1959-1960). He completed residencies in psychiatry, neurology and neurophysiology at hospitals in Germany and Hawaii (1960-1964) and then came to Mayo Clinic in Rochester for further residency training in neurology (1964-1967). He was appointed a consultant in electroencephalography and neurology in 1967. He advanced to the academic rank of professor of neurology in 1990. Dr. Muentert's interest was in movement disorders especially Parkinson's disease and dystonia. In 1987, he transferred to Mayo Clinic in Arizona and there served as chair of the Department of Neurology. He was appointed Lee Silverman Professor of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders at Mayo Clinic Arizona in 1990, and retired from Mayo Clinic in 1995.



Louis H. Weiland, M.D., died on March 17, 2021 in Rochester at age 88. Lou was born in rural Ethan, South Dakota and

received the degrees of B.A. (1957) from Dakota Wesleyan University and M.D. from Marquette University Medical School, Milwaukee. Following internship at the University of Minnesota (1964-1965), he came to Mayo Clinic for residency in anatomic and clinical pathology. In 1969, he was appointed a consultant in medical and surgical pathology and later served as head of the Section of Surgical Pathology at Saint Marys Hospital (1979-1987). He advanced to professor of pathology (1965). In 1987, Lou transferred to Mayo Clinic Arizona where he served as chair of the Department of Pathology (1987-1991). He also served as president of the Minnesota Society of Clinical Pathologists and on the editorial board of the American Journal of Clinical Pathology. Dr. Weiland retired from Mayo Clinic in 1996.



Benjamin Roger Hippe, 86, died on April 1, 2021 at Mayo Clinic Hospital (Saint Marys) in Rochester, MN. He was raised in Edgerton, WI. He graduated from the

University of Wisconsin – Madison in August 1956 and reported for duty as a U. S. Naval Officer on board the destroyer USS Boyd. Ben attended law school at the University of California, Berkeley, graduating in 1962. He then moved to Rochester to begin his legal career at Mayo Clinic and served as Legal Counsel for 34 years. He retired in 1996. Ben was active in

Zumbro Lutheran Church, where he served on the church council, and in local Bar Associations. He also taught legal courses at William Mitchell (now Mitchell-Hamline) School of Law in St. Paul, MN.



Ronald F. Kettering, M.D. died in Rochester on April 7, 2021 at age 88. Ron was born in Pittsburgh and received the degrees of B.S. (1954) and M.D. (1958)

from the University of Pittsburgh. He interned at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh (1958-1959) and entered the Mayo Graduate School in 1959 for training in internal medicine. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1962 to 1964 and then returned to Mayo to complete training in medicine and gastroenterology. He was appointed to the staff in the Division of Gastroenterology (1966) and later (1973) became assistant professor in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. Ron served on numerous Mayo Clinic administrative committees as a member or chair. He was also a member of several professional associations. Doctor Kettering retired from Mayo Clinic in 1995.



Richard W. Hill, M.D., died on March 24, 2020 in Phoenix at age 93. Dick was born in Cincinnati, Ohio and received the degrees of B.S. (1949) from Franklin and Marshall College and M.D. (1953) from Jefferson

Medial Medical School in Philadelphia. He interned (1953-1954) at Lancaster General Hospital (Pennsylvania) and entered Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in 1954 for training in internal medicine and hematology. Dick received an M.S. degree (1957) from the University of Minnesota. He was a research fellow in hematology (1958-1959) at the University of Rochester (NY). He joined the staff in the Division of Hematology (1958) and later served as chair of the division (1972-1975). Dick served on the Rochester Mayo Clinic Board of Governors (1975-1982) and later became the founding Board of Governors chair and CEO of Mayo Clinic Arizona (1987-1992) during a period of great growth. Dr. Hill retired from Mayo Clinic in 1992.



Christopher O. Batchelder, B.A. died at Charter House in Rochester on April 16, 2021 at age 87. Chris received a B.A. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1957. Between 1957 and 1960 he studied law and public administration in the University's graduate school. Subsequently (1961-1963) he served in the U.S. Army. Following discharge from the Army he joined the Mayo Clinic's Department of Administrative Services. He subsequently served as the chair of three divisions of Administrative Services and was a member or chair of numerous other administrative committees. He was appointed to the Mayo

Administrative Voting Staff in 1971. In 1983, Chris joined the Department of Development as a development officer and continued in that position until retirement in 1996. Both before and after retirement Mr. Batchelder was active in professional and civic organizations and was a fellow of the American College of Medical Group Administrators.



[Larry B Perry, M.D.](#) died on April 23, 2021 at Charter House in Rochester at age 93. Larry was born in Ossining, New York. He received an A.B. degree (1950) from Dartmouth

College and M.D. (1953) from the University of Vermont College of Medicine. He interned at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady, NY (1953-1955) and subsequently was in general practice in Schenectady and Laramie, Wyoming. Larry served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps (1962-1970). While in the service he completed a residency in anesthesiology at Walter Reed Hospital (1962-1964) and Fitzsimmons Hospital in Denver (1964-1965). Dr. Perry joined the Mayo Clinic Department of Anesthesia in 1970 and was appointed assistant professor of anesthesiology in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in 1974. Dr. Perry was instrumental in developing the obstetric anesthesia service at Rochester Methodist Hospital and later served as its director (1977-1986). He also developed an instructional pro-

gram in fiberoptic intubation and bronchoscopy for residents. He was director of the Mayo Program of Nurse Anesthesia Education (1981-1986). He also served on the Council of Accreditation of nurse anesthesia schools. Dr. Perry retired from Mayo Clinic in 1987.

Condolences on Spouse Deaths

[Marcia A. \(Roger\) Kemper](#), died April 6, 2021

[Thomas \(Mary Ann\) Morris](#), died April 17, 2021

[Rosemary \(Robert\) Kline](#), died April 27, 2021

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