

# Glenda Garvey Medical Society Newsletter

Columbia University, Department of Medicine



## Inauguration of the Glenda Garvey Medical Society

On Wednesday, October 20th, 2010, the Department of Medicine held a reunion for our current and former Chief Residents. The department used this event not only to reunite our chiefs, but to inaugurate The Glenda Garvey Medical Society - which is the official alumni association of the Department of Medicine. The event was successful - a full [agenda](#) and many [attendees](#).

Rita Charon, MD, addressed the unique contributions of Glenda Garvey in her Grand Rounds presentation entitled "The Highest Form of Service is the Most Fully Lived Life: The Use of the Self in Medicine." • [details](#)

## Links of Interest

- [Department of Medicine](#)
- [House Staff Program](#)
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- [GGMS homepage](#)
- [GGMS Alumni Contact updates:](#)  
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## Alumni News

**To Our Alumni:** do you have interesting news you would like to share with the Glenda Garvey Medical Society? We would be delighted to share and feature news. The website will be continuously updated with information. Please [click here](#) to share your accomplishments.

**Glenda Garveyisms:** If you have a story about Glenda Garvey that you would like to share, please let us know by [clicking here](#)

## Major Recruitments

April 2010: **Megan Sykes, MD**, joined Columbia Department of Medicine, after 19 years at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School, to found and direct the Columbia Center for Translational Immunology. Dr. Sykes Michael J. Friedlander Professor of Medicine and Professor of Microbiology & Immunology and Surgical Sciences (in Surgery) is also Director of Research for the Dean's Transplant Initiative. To read more about Dr. Sykes, please [click here](#)

## Save-the-Date!

**The Department of Medicine's  
Resident Reunion will be in  
May, 2012**

## Announcements

### Columbia Firm System

October, 2010. The Columbia Firm System was created in to provide our residents with more personalized advising for clinical education and development, to help identify mentors for career development, and to enhance camaraderie within the residency program. Four firms were created, each under the direction of a Chief Resident. Residents work individually with their Firm Chief to discuss current and future endeavors. In addition, regular Firm Friday lunches and social events will serve as opportunities for residents to serve as advising resources for each other. The Firms were named to honor Columbia faculty for their commitment to the education and training of medical residents: Glenda Garvey, Abbie Knowlton, John Loeb, and Harold Neu. Please read more about the faculty members. • [details](#)

## Thank You

We would like to extend our most sincere '**Thank You**' to a donor among our membership who wishes to remain an anonymous. In 2010, the Chair of Medicine, Donald W. Landry, MD, PhD, announced the plans for the inauguration of the Glenda Garvey Medical Society. The mission was to create a Department of Medicine Alumni Society that would reinforce the professional virtues exemplified by Dr. Garvey and to which the Department aspires. The Society would provide a link within the Department of Medicine for former and current Columbia residents, fellows, and faculty to promote excellence in clinical medicine and medical education, and provide a network for career advancement.

Through a generous gift the society's website and the 2010 Chief Resident Reunion was funded. For others wishing to participate, donations can be sent to:

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