

Monash University Medical Graduates of 1974

*ReAlign Reunion
December 4th – 6th 2009*



*Held At The RACV Country Club
Healesville*



Monash Medical Graduates Of 1974 ReAlign 35th Reunion Magazine

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Chairman's Report

Monash Graduates of 1974 35th Reunion

Dear Grads

What a wonderful time everyone had at the RACV Club Healesville on the weekend of the 4th to the 6th of December 2009.

Once again the venue, completely renovated and rebuilt, was excellent.

The Saturday evening dinner dance was enjoyed by all. The rock band "Unfinished Business" was absolutely fantastic.

We all danced until 1:00 then retired to the bar until 2:30. Thanks to the ever reliable Rick Lowen for organizing the band.

It was a great pleasure to listen to our colleagues present their scientific papers. The topics were varied as were the speakers, with plenty of humor tossed in with a bit of factual information. There is no doubt the Scientific component of the reunion is the most popular event.

On Sunday we had a very late breakfast (well some made it to breakfast), then continued on to have a BBQ lunch on the lawns. Interestingly the bar bill for that lunch was very low, the probable explanation being that we had to drive home that afternoon.

My heartfelt thanks to the committee members for their support and hard work. It is a considerable task to track down as many grads as possible, organize sponsorship, and decide on which wines we needed to order.

I wish to thank Lorraine (my wife) for a sterling job of feeding the members of the committee as well as compiling the most up to date data base for the graduates.

The next reunion will be the 40th, I urge all of you to contact as many grads as you can and make sure they come. Please keep me or Jim informed of contact details of yourself and others.

I have stepped down as chairman after three reunions.

Jim Mullany has agreed to convene and chair the next committee. I will off course help Jim but it is important to get fresh ideas to keep the reunions vibrant and great fun.

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Until December 2014

Regards

Richard Gilhome



Speakers At The Reunion 2009



*Howard McCormick
Web Changes Impacting
On The Waiting Room*



*Niall Cain &
Bill Downey
Lungs :
"Inside & Out"*



*Peter Cowen
Dermatology "I Should
Have Done That"*



*John
MacKenzie
Retirement*

*George Morstyn
Crossing To The "Dark
Side"*



*Bill Longworth
MC*

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Bernie (Berardino) Longano, 14/11/1949 to 16/12/2008.

Bernie was the only son of Italian migrants from Colle D'Anchise . In 1958, he arrived in Australia with no English but buckets of determination underlying his warm and friendly approach. He attended Oakleigh primary school and high school and rapidly became an "Aussie" whilst retaining strong loyalty to his Italian roots. In 1969, he enrolled in Medicine at Monash University and with his considerable intellectual ability and a lot of hard work, Bernie was consistently amongst the top 2 or 3 students in his year. Despite his exceptional academic achievements, Bernie had a modest unassuming nature, an easy, outgoing and generous personality, a good sense of fun and some prowess at cards. He graduated in 1974 with first class honors and a wife of similar caliber, Linda (also from Colle D'Anchise). It was Linda's typing skills that first attracted Bernie's attention in 3rd year and after a phase in 4th year of being known to his classmates only as his "passenger", they were married at the start of final year. Bernie was a proud father of 3 children, Anthony, Louise and Catherine and 4 grand children.

Bernie completed two years residency at Prince Henry's hospital and then a further year at the Queen Vic. Despite encouragement from senior colleagues to specialize, it was Bernie's loyalty to his local Italian community that led him to enter solo general practice in Dandenong Road, Oakleigh. He initially lived in a unit adjoining the practice and then built a family home just across the road – he was always close at hand for his patients. He served the local Oakleigh community with tireless application and unflinching dedication for over 30 years. In 2006, Bernie closed his solo practice and joined a group practice close by. Despite his long work hours, Bernie always found time for family and friends and remained keen on the regular card game with "the boys" and occasional fishing and duck shooting exploits. He visited his hometown in Italy several times and mused whimsically on occasions about returning for a more protracted stay. He applied his entrepreneurial talents to real estate with considerable success and was proud of the several blocks of units he developed in local suburbs, his farm(s) at Pakenham and his retreat at Mt Martha with a superb view of the bay.

Bernie was a "good man" in every sense with unflinching loyalty to his family, friends and local community and was much loved and respected in return. He was everyone's friend and especially mine. He died tragically on 16/12/08.

Peter Tipping.

Obituary Harry Teichtahl

ZVI TEICHTAHL, DALLAH SZTOKMAN, TAMMIE SLADE AND AVIVA TEICHTAHL

OUR father, Harry Teichtahl, was a very special and multi-faceted person. His strong morals, ethics and values were always evident in all areas of his life. These were always the driving force in his determination and commitment to achieve his many life goals.

Dad's life covered many dimensions.

His family was always the most important aspect of his life. His dedication as a husband, life partner and best friend to our mother is something that we all strive to emulate in our own relationships.

His love, commitment and total care for Mum was ever-present. Likewise, Mum's total dedication and devotion to him over all these years, especially through his illness, is a lesson in the true meaning of love and a "Woman of Valour".

Recently, he expressed that out of all his professional achievements, he is most proud of his achievement in raising and watching his family grow. Dad was always willing to be a sounding board, as well as offering measured advice when needed.

As a father figure, his strong and loving personality will always hold us in good stead and continue to guide us as a role model for how to raise our families. His ultimate pleasure was obvious at the birth of each of his 10 grandchildren and he took great delight in interacting with them. Likewise, each child had their own special bond with their Zeidy.

Dad took great pleasure in being fortunate enough to provide for his family in every way, especially with the opportunities that he missed.

Dad's father passed away when he was only 16 years old and he was forever indebted to his older brother, Jack, for providing the support for him to continue his studies.

His dedication and care to his mother, especially in the past seven years, was unwavering, as he looked after her affairs and visited her regularly right up until he was physically unable to.

Dad was a respiratory physician, specialising in sleep medicine. During his professional life he held numerous high positions at the Western Hospital, where he was given the opportunity to fulfil his passion for research, developing new areas of investigation.

He also held a large teaching role at the University of Melbourne, where he was known to be an engaging and inspiring teacher.

He was always held in high esteem by his colleagues and patients, evidenced by the never-ending flow of correspondence in the past few weeks, which really brought to light for us the affection and respect that he has been held in his professional life.

All of his professional achievements and accolades culminated in him recently being granted a professorship in clinical medicine from the University of Melbourne.

Late in his illness, a friend of Dad's pointed out to him that he is the "ultimate Jew" – he saved peoples' lives on a regular basis.

Certainly on a daily basis he would improve many peoples' lives with his knowledge and expertise in medicine. This is more than most people could hope to achieve in a lifespan twice as long as Dad's.

Dad's passions and interests were diverse. His favourite pastimes included going out for coffees, walking along the beach and planning holidays with his family.

He was also a long-time follower of the North Melbourne Football Club since he lived in the suburb in the early 1960s. His love and support for the State of Israel was unwavering.

Dad, your counsel, dry sense of humour and presence will be sorely missed by us all.

We love you.

