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Henry Baylis, an icon and pioneer in the field of Oculofacial surgery, passed away on September 19, 2017. Hank's career saw the field mature from something resembling a hobby practiced by general ophthalmologists, to a robust discipline with 60 two-year ASOPRS fellowships, an ACGME curriculum, productive academic Divisions in almost every University Ophthalmology program, and wide respect from colleagues in related specialties. Hank's vision and leadership allowed him to be an important participant in that transformation.

Hank was Founding Chief of the Orbital and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery Division at UCLA, and with the support of Chairman Brad Straatsma, built a successful, trendsetting Division. He started his ASOPRS fellowship in 1975 and developed it into a renowned program. He founded the Journal of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, the premiere journal of our specialty.

Hank's career was characterized by imagination and bold innovation. Operations would just occur to Hank as he was trying to solve surgical problems. His numerous articles on surgical technique introduced many ideas that have become cornerstones of our specialty, such as the transcaruncular (Baylis) approach to the orbit, full



thickness ptosis surgery, ear cartilage and fascia grafts for eyelid reconstruction, liposuction fat transfer, and transconjunctival blepharoplasty.

Importantly, Henry was a leader in expanding the field beyond treatment of eyelid disorders. In the 1970s, at a time when orbital decompression was performed almost exclusively by otolaryngologists, Hank took the initiative to learn, and innovate, techniques of transantral orbital decompression. To today's trainees, it seems obvious that orbital decompression is a core oculofacial procedure, but it was not always that way.

Hank also imagined a robust discipline of Aesthetic Oculofacial Surgery. At a time when most academic programs disdained cosmetic surgery, Henry was writing about, teaching, and innovating cosmetic surgical techniques. He suffered a lot of criticism when he started doing facelifts in the 1980s, but now rhytidectomy is part of the ACGME curriculum for oculofacial surgery, and Ophthalmology trained surgeons have a tradition of elegant and innovative work in facial aesthetic surgery. The annual Baylis lecture at the ASOPRS meeting honors Hank's leadership in Aesthetic Oculofacial Surgery.

Those of us who had the privilege of knowing Hank will remember many things about his personality. He was brilliant, generous, kind, considerate of others, humble. He was an inspirational teacher. However, the overwhelming memory that most of us will keep is his sense of humor. Henry had a quick wit and charming self-deprecating style that would have been worthy of a career as a comedian, had he taken that route. In fact, for many years a highlight of the ASOPRS program was a funny lecture towards the end of the day, typically peppered with homemade (in the pre-Photoshop era) photos of Hank as some monarch or other historical figure. His lecture slides were hand-written to the end, with funny one-liners interspersed. He was always quick to smile and laugh, particularly at his own jokes, and he brightened every room.

Henry Baylis is survived by his wife Barbara, children Pauli, Barbie and Hank Jr., and 2 grandsons. He will be missed by all the patients and colleagues whose lives he touched. His legacy will live on in all his students, who are inspired to emulate his trailblazing creativity, passion for the Discipline, generosity and humility, and love of life.

Robert Goldberg, MD, FACS

IN MEMORIAM



Peter H. Ballen, MD

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Dr. Peter Ballen, retired for many years and in his 90's, passed away in August. He was an early member of ASOPRS when the membership totals numbered less than a few dozen. Following his fellowship with Dr. Wendell Hughes, Dr. Ballen practiced on Long Island, which included serving as Chairman, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Downstate Medical Center. His successful Lake Success Ophthalmology Associates practice on Long Island, NY meshed well with his volunteer work, teaching, and support of the young ASOPRS organization.

Dr. Ballen (and his late wife) had wintered in south Florida for many, many years, and I personally enjoyed much contact and friendship with them. Dr. Ballen is survived by his daughter Ann Ballen, MD, and son-in-law Juan Aguilar, MD who have both



practiced ophthalmology in Miami for more than 25 years.

"History" is often quickly forgotten, and I'm always pleased as to how frequently the BPEI residents and other younger ophthalmologists recognize the term "Ballen procedure" (re: cicatricial entropion repair).

Myron Tanenbaum, MD



James L. Hargiss, MD

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It is with a heavy heart that I write of the passing of James L. Hargiss, MD, charter fellow of ASOPRS, Chairman of Education Committee from 1972-1978, and 2006 Honoree of The ASOPRS Foundation. He was 96 years young when he passed away, one of our true selfless and generous teachers and leaders.

He graduated from the University of Washington in 1945. In what may well be a record, his medical career spanned over 8 decades, starting in 1945 when he graduated from the St Louis University School of Medicine and served as a medical officer in World War II as a Naval Reserve in the Pacific Theatre. He finally relinquished in medical license in 2011 on his 90th birthday. He was in the operating room until June 2011, assisting, teaching, inspiring, and occasionally rolling his eyes, "it didn't work in 1950, and it won't work now."

He trained with other luminaries of our field, Drs. Lester Jones, Wendell Hughes, and Byron Smith and first opened his office in Seattle in 1951 after serving as resident physician in GF Geisinger Hospital in Danville Pennsylvania from 1949-51. He also received a Masters Degree in Medical Science from the University of Pennsylvania. He performed the first corneal transplants in Seattle in 1956 and co-founded the first CPC and Journal Club in Seattle. He was also a charter member of the AAO. He was one of three founders of the Eye Clinic of Seattle in 1955 and was a volunteer Ophthalmologist at Harborview Medical Center,

the only Level 1 Trauma Center in the states of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho for most of his medical career, even before there was an Ophthalmology Department at the University of Washington. His practice, The Eye Clinic of Seattle joined with another prominent Clinic, Eye Associates of Seattle, to form Eye Associates Northwest in 1994 and he finally retired from private practice in the late 1990's. But his career was not over because in 2001 he endowed the University of Washington Medical Center's Oculofacial Plastic Surgery Fellowship under Dr. Jim Orcutt's Directorship and was one of the preceptors, officially entering Academic medicine at the ripe age of 80.

He was wonderful with patients, staff, medical students, residents and fellows. He was humble, he was funny, and he was a perfect gentleman. He was an artist who could think and spontaneously draw beautiful three-dimensional images while teaching about a surgical procedure, and his manuscript is still used in the UWMC Orbital Dissection course to this day. You could ask Jim anything about any topic, and always learn something interesting.

It is not a cliché to say that they don't make them like Jim anymore. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Helen, with whom he drank a nightly Manhattan until his departure, and his three children, Craig, Reid, and Philip. He will truly be missed.

AJ Amadi, MD



**Barrett G. Haik,
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Barrett George Haik, MD, FACS, passed away in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Friday, July 22, 2016. Dr. Haik was born in New Orleans on September 8, 1951, into a family of ophthalmologists. He graduated from Centenary College with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and earned his medical degree and his PhD in Anatomy from the Louisiana State University Medical School. After residency at New York's Edward S. Harkness Eye Institute at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, Dr. Haik joined the faculty at Cornell University and the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. In 1986, he moved to Tulane University in New Orleans as a professor of Ophthalmology. He was also made program director and medical director of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, and in 1991, Dr. Haik was named the George M. Haik, Sr., MD - St. Giles Foundation Professor of Pediatric and Adult Ophthalmic Oncology. In 1995, Dr. Haik was recruited to be Chairman of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center Department of Ophthalmology, where he transformed a small office into the world-class Hamilton Eye Institute. After 17 years as chairman, Dr. Haik took on the role of director of the Hamilton Eye Institute.



Dr. Haik's love of ophthalmology was evident in his dedicated, loyal, and selfless service to organized medicine. He was past president of the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology, the American Eye Study Club, and the American Society of Ophthalmic Ultrasound; a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American College of Surgeons, and the New York Academy of Medicine; and a member of the American Ophthalmological Society. Dr. Haik authored more than 160 peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters and abstracts. He was internationally renowned as an expert in the diagnosis and management of ophthalmic tumors and received numerous grants for his research. He served on the National Advisory Eye Council and the National Eye Institute Advisory Council for the National Institute of Health. He received a Life Achievement Honor Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Dr. Haik cultivated deep and lasting friendships and promoted the careers of countless ophthalmologists and medical leaders during his lifetime. His true passion was helping people. He inspired the careers of innumerable medical students, residents, fellows, and junior faculty, and gave many leaders in medicine and ophthalmology his loyal mentorship and support.

Dr. Haik enjoyed the company of his friends and family, fishing at the family's camp in Venice, Louisiana, and spending time with his bloodhound Maddie. He is survived by son Christopher Barrett Haik (Sofia) and daughter Claire Marie Haik (James Anthony Schakleford). He is also survived by brother Dr. George M. Haik, Jr.; brother Dr. Kenneth Haik (Diana); sister Suzanne Terrell (Lee); and his close companion Blanca.



**Murray A.
Meltzer, MD**

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An adored and admired surgeon who has left the world a better place. He is survived by his daughters Lori, Deanne and Jennifer; his sons-in-law Peter and Vineet, his grandchildren Trevor, Allison, Maya and Jake, his eldest brother Marty, and many much-loved cousins, nieces and nephews. He was a wonderful husband to his late wife of 47 years, Adrienne. He was a Professor of Ophthalmology and the Director of Ophthalmic

Plastic Surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. He practiced medicine and taught younger physicians until the day he entered the hospital. He loved it so. Born in Brooklyn, NY, the youngest of three boys of the late Jacob and Rose Meltzer, and brother of the late Irwin, Murray graduated from New Utrecht High School, Cornell University, SUNY Downstate Medical College and went on to further training in New York and London.

IN MEMORIAM



Robert G. Small, MD

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It is a privilege to honor the memory of my teacher, colleague and dear friend Robert Glen Small, MD, who died peacefully at home on Sunday, February 5, 2017, after an extended illness.

Born in Rockville Centre, Long Island, New York, Bob graduated with honors from Mount Hermon School for Boys in Mt. Hermon, Massachusetts. He enlisted as a Navy V-12 premedical student at Princeton University moving on to Yale University where he received his undergraduate and medical degrees followed by a residency in general surgery. He later completed an ophthalmology residency at the University of Oklahoma (OU) in 1967.

He was a physician at the Dean A. McGee Eye Institute for more than 30 years and served on the faculty in the OU Department of Ophthalmology where he rose to the rank of Professor in 1981, and assumed Professor Emeritus status in 2002. He created the Oculoplastic Service at the Dean McGee Eye Institute in the years when oculoplastic surgery was being born as a specialty. He served as

Chief of the Ophthalmology Section at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Oklahoma City for more than 16 years.

He received the Dean McGee Eye Institute's Edward and Thelma Gaylord Faculty Honor Award in 1995; was a nominee for the Aesculapian Award for excellence in teaching in Clinical Sciences at the OU Medical School; and was honored by the establishment of the Robert G. Small, MD Resident Award for Medical Student Education. Bob was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and the American Academy of Ophthalmology, and a member of the American Ophthalmological Society, The American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, the American Medical Association, and the Oklahoma County Medical Society. He was also published in dozens of Ophthalmology journals and books.

Bob is survived by his wife of 35 years, Claudia and three sons.

P. Lloyd Hildebrand, MD, FACS



Gunther Weiss

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Gunther Weiss was born on April 28th, 1935 in Esslingen, Germany. After World War II, German glass blowers made their way to Gunther's hometown, one of whom was Eddie Fichtmüller, a master glassblower and teacher who took 13-year old Gunther "under his wing." For three years Gunther spent his time studying his new trade and blowing glass as an apprentice. After finishing his master program in 1951, Gunther worked with the engineers at BMW to create new air and oil filters for his motorcycle so he could drive it to South Africa and back from Germany – which he did at age 16!

Gunther moved to Oregon from Toronto in 1961. He was fortunate to get help from a couple of visionaries: Howard Vollum, Founder and CEO of Tektronix, and then State Representative Bob Packwood (later Senator). They recognized Oregon's potential to be a high-tech industry center, and they needed a master glassblower.

Around 1963 Gunther began work at OHSU medical school where he met the Chairman of Biochemistry, Richard (Dick) Jones, son of Lester Jones. Dick introduced him to his father Lester T. Jones who was an EENT physician and anatomist. At that time, Dr. Jones was trying to find a material for a bypass tube in patients with tearing; together they developed the Jones tube and

Weiss Scientific Glass has been producing these tubes for over 50 years. While at OHSU, Gunther volunteered to become the first person to get a colonoscopy using fiber optics. He insisted on being awake, because prior to the procedure he had slipped a "homemade" glass prosthesis "up there" and didn't want to miss the look on the doctor's faces when they put the endoscope in!

By 1976 Weiss Scientific was growing when an Intel employee brought a piece of broken glassware in for Gunther to fix. That repair developed into a relationship that helped Intel become the leader of the semiconductor industry and helped Weiss Scientific grow beyond anyone's dreams. Gunther had the highest security clearance at Intel.

Gunther retired in 2009. His companies combined represented the 4th largest privately held company in Oregon. At his retirement, he received a plaque from one of Intel's Founders, Andy Grove, recognizing his important role in the development and success of Intel.

Gunther became an honorary member of the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in 2006. They broke the mold after Gunther and he will be greatly missed by all of us fortunate to know him well.

Roger Dailey, MD, FACS

