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ENT NEWS



Indiana University School of Medicine

In Remembrance of:
Christian Helmus, MD



Dr. Richard T. Miyamoto delivered this eulogy at Dr. Chris Helmus' funeral:

To the Helmus family, dear colleagues, and friends,

We are gathered here to celebrate the spectacular life of Dr. Christian Helmus. Dr. Helmus was a master surgeon, teacher par excellence, loving husband, father and grandfather.

My introduction to this great man came in 1970 when I arrived at Butterworth Hospital to train under Dr. Helmus and the surgical faculty following my graduation from the University of Michigan Medical School. Dr. Helmus provided my entrée into the field of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, as he had done for so many who preceded and followed me. Early in our careers he set the standard of surgical excellence which continues to guide us to this day.

Dr. Helmus was a staunch believer in the tripartite mission of excellence in clinical practice, teaching and research. He launched my academic career by co-authoring a paper which won the Butterworth Cancer Research Award. He then positioned our paper to be presented to the Triological Society which is one of the world's most prestigious senior societies. As you can imagine, as a first year Otolaryngology resident, this was a terrifying prospect. During that presentation, as I surveyed the audience, I said to myself, who out there knows more than I do. Reality hit when the answer was everyone I see. None the less the presentation went well and the Miyamoto, Helmus paper became the first medical publication on my curriculum vitae. Many years passed but I recently was able to return this favor by naming Dr. Helmus the Guest of Honor of the Triological Society during my Vice-Presidency. Following that event, I received this letter:

Dear Rich,

The Triologic is over but the memory will last forever. Being an Honored Guest of the noble, erudite, and revered Triologic Society is something that even in my wildest dreams I could never imagine.

I don't have adequate words to express my appreciation to you for making it happen so I'll say the most meaningful thank you that I've ever said. Thank you dear friend and thank Cynthia as well.

Appreciatively,
Chris Helmus

We worked very hard at Butterworth but it was not all work. Chris and I won the Butterworth golf tournament while I was there. Since then, we have had our summer golf outings every summer at his beloved Blythefield and he played on our departmental golf team in Indianapolis. We were never lacking for a certified rules official as this was Chris' forte.

We also shared our love for Michigan football and attended the Michigan homecoming game together last fall. Our medical school classes although 15 years apart shared the weekend festivities. Go Blue!

Dr. Helmus steered me down the path to Indiana University for my Otolaryngology residency because he felt I would receive the broadest possible clinical training there under his dear friend Raleigh Lingeman. This proved to be true and after my Otology fellowship in Los Angeles, I returned to the Indiana University faculty. Seven years later, I was asked to Chair the department as Dr. Lingeman's successor. No one could have been prouder than Chris Helmus knowing that he had started the whole process. He offered his assistance to me and has faithfully functioned as our most productive Clinical Professor. He has had a profound influence on an entire generation of outstanding practitioners of our specialty.

Chris was always equally giving of his time and talents whether to corporate CEO's, the leaders of our society, the prisoners at the Wishard Clinic, or the children of Guatemala.

A new dimension appeared in his professional life when he was asked to serve as a Trustee for the Van Andel Research Institute. In this capacity he served with Dr. Luis Tomatis who was also one of my Butterworth mentors. They helped propel this Institute to one of international renown. Research holds the keys to tomorrow's medical advances. The new discoveries unfolding in the Van Andel Research Institute brought excitement to Chris' voice and a gleam to his eye. To all of the fantastic researchers who have been assembled, carry on Chris' work.

I have been tremendously honored to be considered a member of the "Helmus family" for all these years. This is truly remarkable given that I did not graduate from Hope or Calvin College. I guess having a wife who did graduate from Hope and the fact that I grew up in Zeeland and played baseball for Wheaton College was good enough.

I would like to read parts of a letter I received from Chris just two weeks ago. Clearly, he felt that his mission was accomplished.

*Never say—
"One day I'll
venture . . .".
The moment is
now.*

Pam Brown

Dear Rich,

I knew that someday I would have to write this letter. I also knew that it would be a difficult letter to write. The time has come and a voice inside me tells me it's time to retire.

I want you to know that I have treasured my time in Indy and my relationship with Indiana University and your department. It's been one of the most meaningful experiences in my lifetime. I wish I could do it forever. I wish I were young, strong and healthy and looking for new worlds to conquer. But a reality check shows that is obviously not the case.

I thank you for all the favors, the opportunities, and the courtesies you have extended to me during the past many years. I shall always be grateful and indebted and I'll take with me a treasure chest filled with memories.

Your friend,
Chris Helmus

Over the years Chris Helmus and I came to know each other on a much deeper level than merely student to mentor, medical professional to medical professional, or Chairman to faculty. I would like to close with a quote from Reinhold Niebuhr which captures the views we shared.

"God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things that should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other."

And from our beloved Indy race driver, the late Paul Dana, "Wide open till you see God." Chris was ready to meet his maker.

Richard T. Miyamoto, M.D., FACS, FAAP

WELCOME!!!

Tisha Adams—ROC/ENT Registration
Katie Barsness—Speech
Carrie Drake—Speech
Jemila Fairley—CI audiologist
Maumita Naidu—Lab Technician, Halum Lab
Emily Smith—CI audiologist
Sara Yoder—Speech

~Dates to Remember~**Skull Base**

September 29, 2006

University Place

Talk Walk & Run

October 7, 2006

Ft. Harrison State Park

Sophomore Course

October 23–24, 2006

MS 826, 8:00 a.m.

Lingeman Lecture

November 3, 2006 (date change)

ROC Auditorium

Sophomore Lab

November 6–9, 2006

R2101, 1:00 p.m.

Regen –hands on labs

DeVault Lab News

For the 14th consecutive summer, the department hosted a research traineeship for medical students who have completed their first year. The traineeship is funded by a NIH T32 grant ("Training in Speech, Hearing, and Sensory Communication" David B. Pisoni, PhD, Program Director) and provides IU medical students an opportunity to work one-on-one with our research faculty on research projects that they write up and present at the end of the summer. During weekly meetings students participate in and lead journal discussions, attend lectures, and present progress reports on the projects. Students are also given an opportunity to observe cochlear implant orientations, surgeries, and mappings as well as research testing in the DeVault Otologic Research Lab. This year, seven students participated in the traineeship. Jason An worked with Dr. Chin; Maggie Benson worked with Drs. Houston and Ting; Stacey Howell worked with Dr. Holt; Rachel Manley worked with Drs. Bergeson and Fagan; J.W. Malenkos worked with Dr. Bergeson; and Ben Meyer and David Zopf worked with Dr. Hashino.

Jennifer Phan (2nd year medical student) won the Outstanding Undergraduate Submission Competition at the 2006 International Conference on Infant Studies held June 19th–23rd in Kyoto, Japan. Her presentation, titled *Infant Dialect Discrimination*, was based on her undergraduate honors thesis work conducted in the Infant Language Lab with Dr. Derek Houston.

The following paper has been selected to receive the Journal of Speech, Language and Hearing Research 2005 Editor's Award for the best paper published in the Hearing section in 2005. The Editor's Award will be presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association annual conference in November in Miami, Florida.
Gleary, M., Pisoni, D.B., Kirk, K.I. (2005). Influence of voice similarity on talker discrimination in children with normal hearing and children with cochlear implants. Journal of Speech, Language and Hearing Research, 48, 204-223.

Congratulations to:

Donna Segal—5 year anniversary

Kabreea York—promoted to Clinical Study Technician/Infant Language Lab

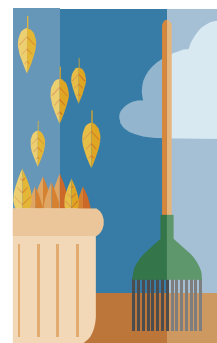
Linette (DeVault Lab) & **Jamie Staley** on the birth of Cole Matthew born August 15, 2006. Baby Cole weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Jamie (3rd year resident) and **Andi Kimbrough** on the birth of James Jackson born June 22, 2006. Baby Jack weighed 9 lb. 8 oz. and was 22 inches long.

Speech received \$14,000 from the Dyers Lions Club to be used for the AAC program.

Dr. Stacey Halum was awarded the Triological Society Career Development Award.

Jeanne Carr—featured in the summer 2006 Pride of Clarian for her work with the Exotic Feline Rescue Center.

**FORE . . . !!**

Shirley Henning, SLP and Jonathan Ting, MD participated in the 1st Annual Golf Outing for St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf on July 29th at Saddlebrook golf course in Indianapolis. In spite of the raging heat, they had a lot of fun for a great cause. The tournament was followed by dinner, a silent auction and door prizes. They plan to play again next year and hope you will join them!

3rd Annual Talk Walk & Run

Join Hear Indiana at the 3rd annual "Talk Walk & Run" on Saturday, October 7, 2006 at Fort Harrison State Park. All proceeds benefit Hear Indiana. Go to www.hearindiana.org for a registration form and more information.

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