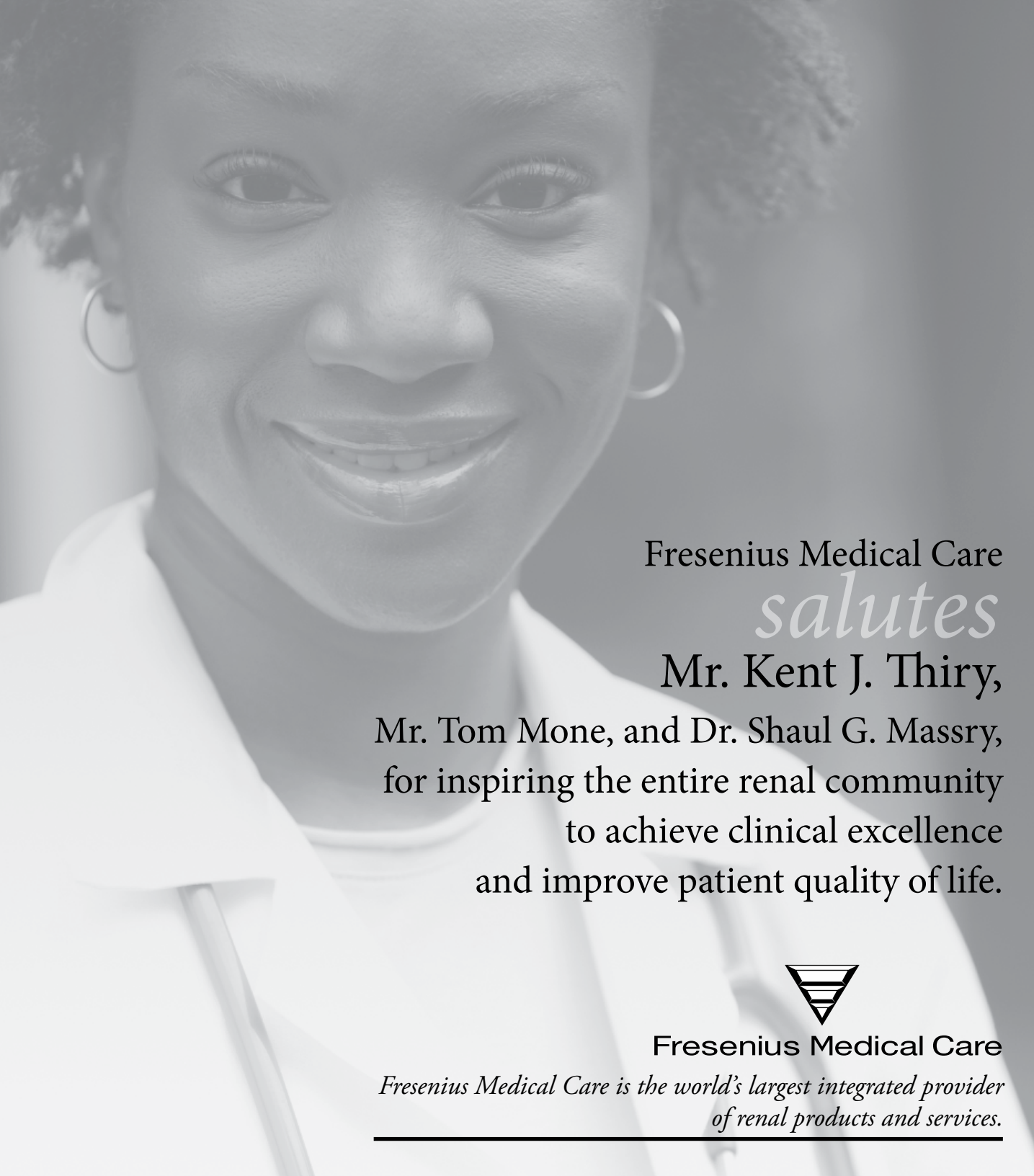




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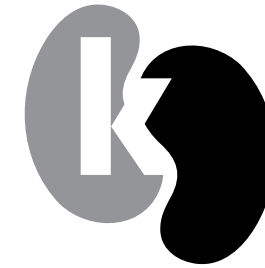
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Good evening and welcome,

On behalf of the Boards of Directors and Medical Scientific Advisors, and all families like mine who have been touched by kidney disease, we wish to thank you for your participation tonight. In a season of extreme economic travail, we are particularly gratified by the growing recognition here and throughout our country of the imperative to support medical research concerning kidney disease.

To live without dialysis every one of us needs at least one functioning kidney to remove toxins, regulate the flow of blood throughout the body, and to properly balance our blood chemistries. While the kidneys are critical and incredibly complex organs, the diseases that affect them have never risen to become top priorities of research funding despite the huge number of people who are suffering. In the western United States we do not have a comprehensive center that specializes in research to understand why kidneys fail and to design prevention and treatment strategies. Our goal is to create a first class renal research center where the top researchers will gather and apply the latest technologies to unlock the causes of, create new treatments for, and hopefully find a way to eradicate the scourge of kidney disease. By achieving that goal we can obviate the extraordinary resources now required to support the hundreds of thousands of people in the United States who require dialysis and kidney transplants.

My family and I can tell you personally how much a kidney transplant has meant to us, and every day I treasure the gift bestowed upon me by a courageous donor family who consented to have the organs of their beloved donated so that others might benefit despite their family's tragic loss. I've had a new kidney for twenty months. Like yours, it works silently every day to keep my body healthy. Medical research has made that possible. I follow a strict regime of medicine and blood tests, but otherwise my life, after ten years of illness, is normal. But the doctors still don't understand the disease processes that caused my kidneys to fail, whether it will happen again, or how to prevent others from experiencing the same medical difficulties.

But, we have great hope for the future. Tonight we honor three people, Shaul Massry, Tom Mone and Kent Thiry, who are responsible for spectacular advances in this field. In this room and around the world, there are brilliant doctors and people committed to research who are anxious to solve these medical mysteries, and your contributions will help advance their efforts.

A big thank you to all of you and to our dinner chairs, co-chairs, and members of our Boards for your generosity and in many cases, tireless efforts in creating tonight's event.

We wish you a great evening.

Kenneth Kleinberg
President

DINNER MENU

RADICCHIO & BIBB LETTUCE SALAD

Hearts of Palm, Marinated Artichoke Hearts, Enoki Mushrooms,
Red and Yellow Peppers, and Teardrop Tomatoes
Served with Lemon Herb Vinaigrette

GRILLED FILET OF ATLANTIC SALMON

Niçoise Vegetable Ragout and White Wine Tomato Caper Herb Sauce
With
Asparagus, Grilled Tomato, Baby Carrots and Potatoes Dauphinoise

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Penne Pasta Primavera

TRIPLE CHOCOLATE BAVARIAN TOWER & TRIO OF SORBETS with Raspberry Sauce

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Closing Remarks

Deana Carter

OBJECTIVES AND MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of **University Kidney Disease Research Associates** ("UKDRA") is to support basic and clinical research in kidney disease and hypertension performed primarily at the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. UKDRA has determined to establish in Los Angeles in association with the Keck School of Medicine a leading center for research relating to the causes, treatment and prevention of kidney disease, which we are tentatively calling the **Southern California Kidney Institute** (the "Institute").

As the first step in creating the Institute, UKDRA is dedicated to establishing a proteomic research center to unravel the mechanisms of kidney disease in the following areas:

- 1 Study cellular abnormalities at the molecular levels in kidney disease and identify measures to ameliorate or prevent them.
- 2 Study mechanisms of glomerular diseases (such as focal segmental glomerular sclerosis (FSGS), or membrano-proliferative glomerulonephritis) secondary to viral infections, such as hepatitis, parvovirus, and HIV.
- 3 Study fundamental mechanisms of progression of kidney disease and preventive measures.
- 4 Find better modalities of diagnosis and treatment of hypertension in kidney disease.
- 5 Study secondary damage of kidney disease to the cardiovascular system and preventive measures based on vitamin and anti-oxidant supplements.
- 6 Study bone disease associated with chronic kidney disease.
- 7 Study the benefits or disadvantages of different schedules and modalities of dialysis treatments.

UKDRA will seek applications for these areas of research. Projects will be properly peer-reviewed by UKDRA's Medical Scientific Advisory Board and grants allocated annually by UKDRA's Board of Directors.

Leadership Award in Nephrology



SHAUL G. MASSRY, M.D.

Professor Emeritus of Medicine, Physiology and Biophysics, USC Keck School of Medicine

Shaul G. Massry, M.D. is Professor Emeritus of Medicine, Physiology and Biophysics at the **Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California** and served as **Chief** of its **Division of Nephrology** from 1974 to 2000. He has received honorary doctorates from fourteen universities across Europe, including the oldest and prestigious Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic), The University of Bologna (Italy), and the University of Padua (Italy). He is an honorary member of many international professional societies including the Italian, Polish, Bulgarian, Hungarian, Czechoslovakian, Indian, and Israel Societies of Nephrology. He is also an honorary member of the Belgian, Polish, Russian and Bulgarian Academies of Science, as well as the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Thailand and London.

In addition to the National Kidney Foundation's David Hume Memorial Award and the Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award from the American Heart Association—Greater Los Angeles Affiliate, Dr. Massry has been the recipient of numerous other awards from universities and societies throughout the world, including the first Leo Ambard Gold Medal from the University of Strasbourg (France), the Andre Lichtwitz Award from INSERM (National Institute for Scientific Medical Research of the French Government), the Domenico Cotugno Gold Medal from the University of Bari (Italy), the Paolo Mascagni Prize and Gold Medal from the University of Siena (Italy), the Rinecker Gold Medal from the University of Wurzburg (Germany), the Karol Marcinkowski Medal from the Medical Academy of Poznan (Poland), the Malpighi Gold Medal from the University of Messina (Sicily), and the Medal of Honor from the University of Adana School of Medicine (Turkey).

Dr. Massry was the Editor-in-Chief of the *American Journal of Nephrology* and of *Mineral and Electrolyte Metabolism*, a member of the editorial boards of many medical journals, and a reviewer for many other journals. He is the co-Editor of the *Textbook of Nephrology*.

He is a past President of the National Kidney Foundation, American Society of Renal Biochemistry and Metabolism, International Society of Nutrition and Metabolism in Renal Diseases, International Society of Uremia Research and Toxicity, and International Association of the History of Nephrology. He is a past Chairman of the National Kidney Foundation's National Medical Advisory Board, and has served in many other organizations such as the National Institutes of Health, International Society of Nephrology, and American Heart Association—Greater Los Angeles Affiliate.

Dr. Massry has been a frequent guest speaker at national and international meetings and a visiting professor at many universities across the globe. He has published over 600 scientific papers, 111 chapters in books and edited 32 books.

Spirit of Life Award



TOM MONE

Chief Executive Officer, OneLegacy

Tom Mone is the Chief Executive Officer of OneLegacy, the largest organ recovery agency in the United States, serving 19 million people, 220 hospitals and 15 transplant centers. In this capacity, Tom has overseen a 40% increase in organ donors and lives saved through organs recovered for transplant; a 15% consent rate improvement; an 11% increase in organs per donor; the creation of the OneLegacy Tissue Services program; the world's first web-based organ offer system; and the Donate Life Rose Parade Float.

Tom is President-Elect of the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO), an AOPO Accreditation Surveyor, Chairs the AOPO UNOS committee, AOPO Representative to the American Medical Association, AOPO Representative to the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR), and sits on the United Network on Organ Sharing (UNOS) Electronic Organ Placement group.

Mr. Mone has published "The Business of Organ Procurement" and has co-authored studies including "Prevalence of Antibodies to Trypanosoma Cruzi among Solid Organ Donors in Southern California: A Population at Risk," "NAT Testing for HCV Detection in Deceased Organ Donors," "Increasing Donor Heart Utilization," "Cadaveric Organ Donor Recruitment at Los Angeles County Hospital: Improvement After Formation of a Structured Clinical, Educational and Administrative Service," and "The Effectiveness of Pulsatile Perfusion of Deceased Donor Kidneys," presented at the American Transplant Congress.

Previously, Mr. Mone was President and CEO of the San Gabriel Valley Medical Center, a Health Services Administrator for the Contra Costa County Health Services Department, and a Presidential Management Intern and a Budget Analyst for the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Mone received his Master of Science degree from the University of California, Irvine and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Outstanding Achievement in Business and Industry



KENT J. THIRY

Chairman/CEO, DaVita

Kent Thiry has been Chairman and CEO of DaVita, Inc., since October 1999. DaVita is the largest independent provider of dialysis services in the United States for patients suffering from chronic kidney failure, also known as end stage renal disease, or ESRD. Our 30,000 Teammates currently operate or provide administrative services to approximately 1,400 outpatient dialysis centers located in 42 states and the District of Columbia. We serve approximately 104,000 patients in the U.S. every week, almost one (1) out of every three (3) in America. Current annual revenues are over \$5 billion, and our market cap is a bit above \$5 billion also.

- DaVita's management philosophy has been discussed in various forums, including a Stanford Business School Case Study, the Wall Street Journal, Modern Healthcare and several books. Kent has been asked to speak about The DaVita Story/leadership to numerous organizations, including Bain, Accenture, CMS, Bright Now Dental, the Nashville Health Council, KPMG, Abbott, and YPO. He has also been asked to speak at Stanford Business School, Harvard Business School, and Northwestern's Kellogg Business School. The case has been taught at Stanford, Harvard, and elsewhere.
- May 2005, DaVita received the Adaptive Business Leaders (ABL) 2005 "Leadership in Innovation" Award. The ABL award recognizes DaVita's innovative approach to building a strong sense of community in the workplace. DaVita has received recognition from several organizations over the years: California Governor's 2003 "Exemplary Employer of Older Workers Award" for a Large Business, AARP Best Employers for Workers Over 50, Modern Healthcare's "Award for Team-Honorable Mention," "Compassionate Friends" – Compassionate Employer Award, and Training Magazine's Top 125 Award for the last four years.
- Partner at Bain & Company from 1987-1991.
- Mr. Thiry earned his BA in Political Science, with Distinction and Phi Beta Kappa, from Stanford University in 1978. He earned his MBA, with Honors, from Harvard Business School in 1983, where he was also elected to the Century Club.
- Serves on the Board of Directors of Varian Medical Systems. Varian is the world's leading manufacturer of integrated radiotherapy systems for treating cancer. Prior Board seats include the Chairmanship of Oxford Health Plans.
- Member of the Harvard Business School Board of Advisors.



LI YANG, M.D., Ph.D.

Li Yang, M.D., Ph.D. is the recipient of the **John McKay Fellowship in Renal Research** at USC for 2008. Dr. Yang received her M.D. from Beijing Medical University in Beijing, China, then spent an additional four years at this same prestigious medical school as a Biophysics research associate studying protein-lipid interactions. Driven by a desire to actively pursue a career in research in parallel with clinical medicine, Dr. Yang chose to matriculate in the Ph.D. program in Physiology and Biophysics at the USC Keck School of Medicine. Working under the mentorship of Dr. Alicia A. McDonough she developed a keen interest in renal disease and the causes of hypertension. During her graduate training, Dr. Yang received an American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship Award to study “Cellular Mechanisms Controlling Sodium Transporter Trafficking during Hypertension.” Her Ph.D. research focused on how renal sodium transport was regulated by changes in blood pressure. Dr. Yang identified highly novel molecular mechanisms that involved moving sodium transporters to and from active locations in the kidney cells. Her work received national recognition, receiving both the “Aventis Pharma Excellence in Renal Research Award” and the “Caroline tum Suden/Frances A. Hellebrandt Professional Opportunity Award,” both from the American Physiological Society.

After receiving the Ph.D. degree in 2002, Dr. Yang decided to stay at USC as a post-doctoral fellow in order to pursue research she initiated as a graduate student. She was intrigued by Dr. Vito Campese’s finding that renal injury provokes hypertension and set out to determine the connection. Li Yang received a very competitive American Heart Association Postdoctoral Fellowship Award on “Sympathetic Nervous System Regulation of Proximal Tubule Sodium Transport.” During the tenure of this fellowship she determined that more sodium transporters were activated in the kidney when it was injured, mediated by the sympathetic nervous system. Dr. Yang is currently pursuing the pathways that are activated by the nervous system in order to identify targets that could be manipulated to prevent hypertension. One of these pathways is the production of reactive oxygen species. Dr. Yang is using small interfering RNA (si RNA) to change gene expression of pathways that generate reactive oxygen. Another interest of Dr. Yang’s is imaging. She has been trained at an NIH funded O’Brien Center in Indiana and also trained in Dr. Peti-Peterdi’s lab at USC in two-photon microscopy. Using this technique she can image the living kidney to study renal pathophysiology at both systemic and cellular/molecular levels.

Dr. Yang has published 18 papers during her training. The following lists the studies in which she was the primary investigator, focusing on how the kidney controls and responds to changes in blood pressure:

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UKDRA is proud to sponsor Dr. Li Yang with the John McKay Memorial Fellowship in Renal Research at USC.



RICHARD GLASSOCK, M.D.

Professor Emeritus of Medicine at the Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Doctor Glassock is an internationally recognized expert in the field of Glomerular Diseases and Clinical Nephrology. He has published over 400 original papers, books, monographs, book chapters and reviews in Nephrology. He is the past-president of the American Society of Nephrology and the National Kidney Foundation. He is also past-Chairman of the American Board of Internal Medicine. In 1999 he was elected to Mastership in the American College of Physicians. He is also a member of the American Association of Physicians. He is the former Chair of the Department of Medicine at the University of Kentucky and Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. From 1967 to 1992 he was the Chief of Nephrology at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. He was continuously funded by the NIH for extra-mural research grants from 1967 to 1987.

He has lectured in over 90 countries throughout the world and has been a visiting professor at over 100 distinguished academic institutions throughout the world. He has trained over 50 nephrologists, many of whom have gone on to distinguished academic posts throughout the world. He is co-Editor (with Shaul Massry) of the Textbook of Nephrology (now in its 4th edition). He is an honorary member of many International Nephrology Societies.

He is the recipient of the David Hume Memorial Award of the National Kidney Foundation and the Distinguished Achievement Award of the UCLA School of Medicine and the Association of Professors of Medicine. He is also the recipient of the Torchbearer Award of the American Kidney Fund and the Robert Narins Award for Excellence in Education (in 2007). He is the Founding Editor-in-Chief Emeritus of the NephSAP Journal for the American Society of Nephrology and a Professor Emeritus of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

He lives in Laguna Niguel, CA with his wife Jo-Anne. He has four children (Ellen, Scott, Sharon and Mark) and 7 grandchildren. His hobbies are golf, travel, books and history.



REG GREEN

The Nicholas Green Foundation

Reg Green is the father of Nicholas Green, a seven-year-old California boy who was shot in Italy in a botched robbery in 1994. The decision by Reg and his wife, Maggie, to donate his organs and corneas, which went to seven Italians, four of them teenagers, led to a worldwide increase in awareness of the shortage of donors. In Italy alone organ donation rates have tripled so that thousands of people are alive who would have died and all seven of Nicholas' recipients are enjoying their second chance.

The Greens have produced documentaries that are shown in schools, hospitals and church groups across the US, written numerous articles, given speeches and been interviewed by the media around the world. A made-for-television movie, *Nicholas' Gift*, starring Jamie Lee Curtis, was made of their story.

Reg, who was born in Britain, was a feature writer and reporter for the *London Daily Telegraph*, the *London Times* and the *Guardian*. He has written two books on organ and tissue donation, *The Nicholas Effect* and *The Gift that Heals*.

The Greens, who live in La Canada, have an 18- year-old daughter, Eleanor, and 12- year-old twins, Laura and Martin.



BEN LIPPS

Chairman/CEO, Fresenius Medical Care

Dr. Ben Lipps has been the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Management Board of Fresenius Medical Care AG since 1999. From 1996 to 1999, he was CEO of Fresenius Medical Care North America and from 1985 to 1996 CEO of Fresenius USA. Ben has been active in the field of dialysis for more than 35 years. After earning his master's and doctoral degrees in chemical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. Lipps led the research team at DOW Chemical that developed the first commercial hollow-fiber artificial kidney at the end of the 1960s.



KENNETH KLEINBERG

President of University Kidney Disease Research Associates

Kenneth Kleinberg is one of the nation's leading attorneys specializing in legal and business aspects of the entertainment industry. Mr. Kleinberg and his firm, Kleinberg Lopez Lange Cuddy & Klein, represent a wide variety of prominent individuals and companies, including some of the industry's most successful actors, writers and authors, directors, producers, financiers, distributors, musical artists and rock groups, animators, video game designers, international broadcasters, corporate executives, literary and talent agents, managers, specialists in CGI cinematography, the internet and other emerging technologies, and other creators and users of intellectual property.

Mr. Kleinberg is the co-founding partner of a law firm which has grown from two to ten lawyers since its establishment in 1992. This firm marks Mr. Kleinberg's second career as a practicing entertainment lawyer. Previously from 1969 to 1985, Mr. Kleinberg served as an associate, partner and then senior partner and head of the entertainment division of the Los Angeles law firm Mitchell, Silberberg and Knupp. Between late 1985 and 1991 Mr. Kleinberg served first as executive vice president and a director of a major studio, United Artists Corporation, and then as president and chief operating officer of Weintraub Entertainment Group, an independent motion picture, television and music production/distribution company.

Mr. Kleinberg is a graduate of UCLA and UCLA School of Law. His initial work as an attorney was at the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. Mr. Kleinberg is admitted to the Bars of California and the District of Columbia. Mr. Kleinberg has lectured frequently at leading law schools and institutes, and he is a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Mr. Kleinberg was the first Chairman of the American Cinematheque and has been a long time member of its board of directors. Mr. Kleinberg is the President and a director of University Kidney Disease Research Associates.



CRAIG FERGUSON

TV Comedy Star, Host of *The Late Late Show* on CBS

Craig Ferguson entered the world of late night comedy following a diverse and eclectic career that encompasses film, television and the stage. Since taking the helm of *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson* on January 3, 2005, the show has set all-time viewer records and achieved the highest ratings since the shows inception in 1995.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Ferguson got his start in the entertainment industry as a drummer for some of the worst punk bands in the U.K., a profession he held for several years. Following his musical stint, he began bartending in a local pub in Glasgow where he was introduced to Michael Boyd, the artistic director of The Tron Theatre in Glasgow, who persuaded Ferguson to give acting a go. After several low paying acting gigs, Ferguson discovered he had a knack for comedy and was soon the star of his own BBC television show, *The Ferguson Theory*.

After several stints on the English comedy circuit, Ferguson brought his act to America in 1995 to star with Betty White and Marie Osmond in the short-lived ABC comedy *Maybe This Time*. After the show ended, ABC decided to add the talented Scotsman to *The Drew Carey Show*, playing Drew Carey's boss, Nigel Wick, from 1996-2003.

Ferguson wrote the feature films *The Big Tease* and *Saving Grace*. In 2003, he made his directorial debut with *I'll Be There*, which he also wrote and starred in. *I'll Be There* went on to receive the Audience Award for Best Film at the Aspen, Dallas, and Valencia film festivals. Craig was also named "best new director" at the Napa Valley Film Festival. Ferguson's other film credits include, *Niagara Motel*, *Lenny the Wonder Dog*, *Prendimi l'anima*, *Life Without Dick*, *Chain of Fools*, *Born Romantic* and *The Big Tease*.

In April 2006, Ferguson debuted his first novel entitled *Between The Bridge and The River*, which became a critically acclaimed best-seller.

Since coming into his own on the *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson* and winning his first Emmy nomination in 2006, Craig achieved a personal milestone in February 2008 when he was sworn in as a US Citizen. Soon after, Craig hosted the White House Correspondence Dinner, where critics raved of his witty and comical deliverance speech to the 3,000 attendees who included political journalists, celebrities, and Washington's power players.

In Fall of 2009 Harper Collins is set to publish a memoir by Craig Ferguson *American On Purpose* – a moving and achingly funny memoir of living the American dream as he journeys from a small town in Scotland to the entertainment capital of the world. *American on Purpose* reads as if Ferguson had snorted Angela's Ashes," says David Hirshey, Senior Vice President and Executive Editor of HarperCollins. "It will make you laugh, cry, and sing The Star Spangled Banner with a Scottish burr."

Ferguson also serves on the board of the Lollipop Theater Network. The mission of the Lollipop Theater Network is to bring movies that are currently in theatrical release to hospitalized children facing chronic and life threatening illness nationwide.



DEANA CARTER

Multi-platinum Singer/Songwriter

Deana Carter swept onto the music scene ten years ago with the stellar release of her debut album, "Did I Shave My Legs for This?" which yielded four #1 singles including the now-classic hit, "Strawberry Wine." In the years that followed, Deana was named one of PEOPLE magazine's "50 Most Beautiful People" and NEWSWEEK's "100 People to Shape the New Millennium." Her debut album was also nominated for more awards than any other new artist in country music up to that time, and won the coveted Academy of Country Music "Song of the Year" award. She has also been nominated by the Grammy Foundation and the Golden Globes, and been a frequent guest on daytime and late night television. This year, she was featured in a concert special on DirecTV as part of their "Live from SXSW" series, and has toured recently with Bob Dylan, Willie Nelson, and Phil Vassar.

Recently, Deana released an album of songs honoring her father, Fred Carter Jr., who as a session musician, touring artist, and producer, played with some of the most significant artists of the last forty years including Roy Orbison, Simon & Garfunkel, Neil Young, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Bob Dylan, Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers, and dozens more. Fred received a kidney transplant a dozen years ago and stopped active performing during his dialysis and transplant years, but Deana was able to get him out of retirement to join her on some of the songs he helped make famous, joined with guest appearances by Willie, Dolly, Kris Kristofferson, Paul and Harper Simon, Shooter Jennings, Jessi Colter, George Jones, and John Anderson. Entitled THE CHAIN, the album is a tribute to Deana's amazing lineage.

And so in a business that breeds narcissism chronicled by a critical press corps that celebrates artists who reveal their own inner brilliance, Deana Carter searched deeply and discovered that she's been standing on the shoulders of giants. That she is, at the very least, another link in the chain. "This record has been very humbling to say the least," she says with no hesitation. "It's opened my eyes to how little I do know, how much I need to learn and how many great people have preceded me. It's been a lesson in dealing with ego way outside of the music."

With her personal experience with kidney disease, Deana Carter has long been a spokesperson raising awareness of the importance of organ donation, often distributing organ donation literature at her concerts. Her dad, Fred Carter Jr., is doing (and playing guitar) great more than a dozen years after his transplant.

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Dear Friends:

Best wishes to everyone at the University Kidney Disease Research Associates (UKDRA) benefit dinner. I am proud to commend UKDRA, in association with the Keck School of Medicine at USC, for creating the nation's leading research institute for the causes, treatment and prevention of kidney disease.

I am pleased to join you in honoring Kent J. Thiry, Chairman and CEO of DaVita, the largest independent provider of dialysis services in the U.S; Dr. Shaul G. Massry, Professor Emeritus of Medicine, Physiology and Biophysics at the Keck School of Medicine and Chief of the USC Division of Nephrology and Tom Mone, CEO of OneLegacy, the largest organ recovery agency in the United States. Also note that Li Yang, Ph. D. will be receiving the annual John McKay Memorial Fellowship in Renal Research at USC. The hard work of these remarkable people is helping to improve the lives of those with kidney disease.

I applaud UKDRA's mission to help prevent and cure kidney disease and everyone who helps make this work possible. Congratulations to the honorees and best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

HOWARD L. BERMAN
Member of Congress



Steven B. Sample

President and
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November 22, 2008

To the University Kidney Disease Research Associates:

On behalf of the University of Southern California, I am pleased to welcome you to this special evening. Your support of cutting-edge research into the causes of and treatments for kidney disease is helping our talented physicians and scientists pursue their ultimate goal of overcoming this dread condition.

I am honored to join with you in saluting tonight's honorees – Kent J. Thiry, Tom Mone, and Shaul G. Massry, M.D. They have each contributed so much to the fight against kidney disease. And I congratulate Dr. Li Yang on receiving the John McKay Memorial Fellowship in Renal Research. This prestigious honor presages an outstanding career.

On behalf of my colleagues at the Keck School of Medicine at USC and across the entire university, I thank you for your support of this vital research. I am confident that working together we will one day conquer kidney disease.

Sincerely,

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GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

November 22, 2008

University Kidney Disease Research Associates

Greetings to all those gathered for your Benefit Dinner.

I commend your outstanding contributions to California's citizens, particularly those living with kidney disease. Through your fantastic efforts and legacy of service, you have helped to support cutting-edge research and brought hope to many. Thank you for your devotion to this important cause.

My thanks go to all those in attendance, and I am especially thrilled to join you in congratulating tonight's honorees: Dr. Shaul G. Massry, Tom Mone, Kent J. Thiry and Dr. Li Yang. I am grateful for their hard work and accomplishments in the fight against kidney disease.

On behalf of all Californians, I extend my best wishes for a memorable evening and every continued success.

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Dear Friends of the University Kidney Disease Research Associates:

Welcome to the University Kidney Disease Research Benefit.

I would like to congratulate the 2008 UKDRA honorees Kent J. Thiry, Chairman and CEO of DaVita; Tom Mone, CEO of OneLegacy; Dr. Shaul G. Massry, Professor Emeritus, USC; and Li Yang, Ph.D., for their tireless labors in medical research dedicated to the prevention of kidney disease.

Unfortunately, upwards of 500,000 people in the United States alone are faced with end-stage renal disease (ESRD). ESRD is excruciating painful on the patients who must undergo a very expensive treatment in dialysis. It is amazing to see the success that these honorees and medical staff have had in trying to combat ESRD. I would like to praise you for your valiant efforts.

Because getting a kidney transplant is so difficult, it is imperative that we have organizations like the UKDRA helping research and explore new methods of assisting those with kidney disease. These initiatives will help to advance medicinal practices as we continue on into the future.

I am thankful for the time, the effort, and the education that you have not only bestowed on our community but the world.

Sincerely,

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November 22, 2008

Dear Friends:

Best wishes as you gather tonight for the University Kidney Disease Research Associates benefit dinner. I regret not being able to join you for this marvelous event.

I am pleased to join you in honoring Kent J. Thiry, Tom Mone, and Dr. Shaul G. Massry for their devotion to combating renal disease. I am also delighted to join you in honoring Li Yang, Ph.D. on her receipt of the John McKay Memorial Fellowship in Renal Research at USC.

Our community owes the University Kidney Disease Research Associates and tonight's honorees a debt of gratitude for their steadfast commitment to fighting renal disease and developing better tools to diagnose and treat its conditions.

Thank you for your dedication and distinguished record of accomplishments.

Sincerely,

HENRY A. WAXMAN
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ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
MAYOR

November 22, 2008

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, it is my pleasure to welcome and congratulate the members and guests attending the University Kidney Disease Research Associates' benefit dinner.

I want to applaud the commitment of the University Kidney Disease Research Associates to raise funds for medical research concerning kidney disease. Your outreach has made a positive impact by developing and delivering new medical technologies to benefit all of our lives.

Congratulations to honorees Dr. Shaul G. Massry, Tom Mone, Kent J. Thiry, and Li Yang, Ph.D. Their generous philanthropy and contributions enable the University Kidney Disease Research Associates to further its mission of providing quality medical technologies.

I extend my best wishes for a memorable celebration and future success.

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November 22, 2008

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, it's a pleasure for me once again to offer my personal welcome to everyone gathered for tonight' benefit to support the work of University Kidney Disease Research Associates.

I'm delighted this year to join you in salute of our very special honorees this evening: Kent J. Thiry, Chairman and CEO of DaVita, largest independent provider of dialysis services in the United States, who receives the Outstanding Achievement in Business and Industry Award; Dr. Shaul G. Massry, Professor Emeritus of Medicine, Physiology and Biophysics at the Keck School of Medicine at USC, and former Chief of the USC Division of Nephrology, honored with the 2008 Leadership in Nephrology Award; Tom Mone, CEO of OneLegacy, who receives this year's Spirit of Life Award; and finally, Li Yang, Ph.D., this year's recipient of the John McKay Memorial Fellowship in Renal Research, which was established to memorialize a great figure in USC history and in American sports who tragically succumbed to kidney failure in 2001.

These outstanding individuals have richly earned our gratitude and recognition tonight for their contributions. I commend them and thank them for their support of your efforts to generate funding for new kidney research programs and truly make Los Angeles a center of excellence in cutting-edge research and science applied to understanding the causes, improving treatment and enhancing prevention of kidney disease.

My best to them, and to everyone, for an enjoyable and successful event this evening.

Sincerely,

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
Supervisor, Third District

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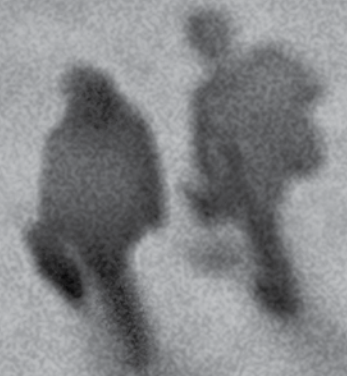
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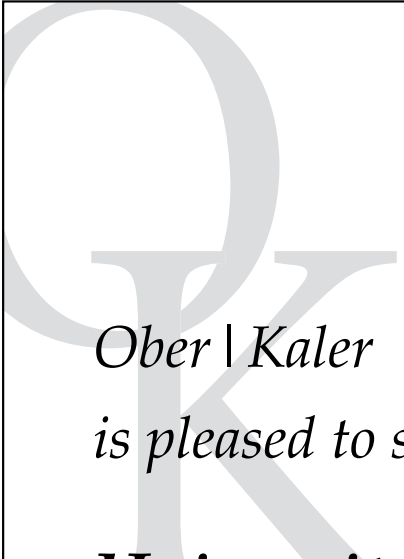
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