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Dear Fellow Alumni,

I send you greetings from your old friends and colleagues at the Infirmary. I hope that the New Year finds you all healthy, happy and productive.

As always the Alumni Association is here for you, so you may reconnect with fellow Alumni and continue your relationship with the Infirmary. As always we urge you to participate in the Association by becoming an active alumnus. This year's Annual Spring Awards Dinner will be held on Friday May 11, 2007 at the Union Club in Manhattan. For more information, visit the [Upcoming Events](#) section of this site. We hope you will make every effort to attend with your spouse, family and friends.



For the second year in a row we are co-sponsoring the Department of Ophthalmology Annual Residents and Fellows Research Day which will be held at the same venue from twelve noon until happy hour.

The annual business meeting will take place immediately following the Research Day. This year it has been proposed that we effectively merge the Staff Society of the NYEEI to the Alumni Association by inviting all non-alumni, active NYEEI staff who have served for at least five years to become full dues-paying members. The new organization will be known as The Alumni and Staff Association of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary.

I consider this to be one of the most important decisions our organization has ever faced and I believe that it should be put to a membership-wide vote. Please review both [Drs. Locke](#) and [Walsh's](#) letters which oppose and support this merger, respectively. Please contact Dr. Richard DeLuca at RDELUCAMD@EYEINSTITUTENEWYORK.COM or (212) 473-6390 to secure a ballot. Only those alumni who have paid their 2006-'07 dues are eligible to vote in this crucial ballot initiative! If you have not as yet paid your dues for this season, please make out your check for \$175.00 (\$75.00 for International Members) to the AANYEEI and note: "Dues for 2006-'07"

Last year's [Annual Spring Dinner](#) was a resounding success with over 200 attendees. This year's event promises to be even more exiting, especially in light of our distinguished award recipients, Mr. Joseph P. Corcoran, President of the NYEEI and Dr. Bernard Kabakow, Director of the Medical Department.

Please make every effort to visit New York this spring and join us for the Research Day, reception and dinner on May 11th at the Union Club.

God Bless the Infirmary, America and those who protect them.

Sincerely yours,

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