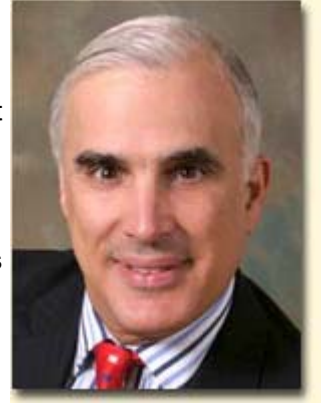


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Dear Fellow Alumni,

Greetings from our beloved Infirmary. An exciting and stimulating year has transpired since my last posting. The [13th Annual Alumni Spring Awards Dinner](#) was a truly inspiring landmark event held on Thursday, May 13th at the dramatic Power House at the American Museum of Natural History. A beautifully catered dinner and lovely decorations were a fitting backdrop to the festivities honoring Alumni of the Year recipients Drs. Joseph Arigo and Thomas Muldoon. Over 200 alumni, spouses, family and friends were in attendance celebrating their years of dedication and innumerable professional achievements. The Infirmary family proudly applauds these giants of our community.



At the business meeting, your three current officers were reelected to their current positions. I will continue to serve as President, while Drs. Melissa Pashcow and Richard DeLuca will continue as Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. The current annual dues structure of \$150.00 was maintained for USA members. International members will now pay \$75.00.

The [Annual American Academy of Ophthalmology Alumni Cocktail Party](#) was held on Sunday November 16th, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County, Anaheim, CA. Over 100 Alumni, spouses and friends enjoyed a superbly catered event. Dr. Robert C. Della Rocca, recent recipient of the Outstanding Humanitarian Service Award, was our keynote speaker. Both these events are documented in living color and may be accessed at our web page located at www.nyee.edu. I urge you all to take advantage of this new modality to stay in touch with the Infirmary.

Current developments include the new [Retina Center](#) which is now at full capacity providing the best posterior segment care in the city.

Dr. Woodsmith, Chairman of the Plastic and Reconstructive Department, recently reported to the Medical Board that the Infirmary now has two full time fellows with the largest post graduate surgical volume in the nation.



Last, but certainly not least, and with an admittedly personal sense of joy and gratitude, the Department of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology announced the opening of the new state of the art [Jorge N. Buxton Microsurgical Education Center](#) appropriately located at the site of the previous temporal bone lab on the 5th floor, South Building. This wonderful space will certainly prove to be another brilliant teaching jewel in the Infirmary's already crowded crown. Plans are now in the final stages to officially commemorate the new lab on September 23, 2004.

I urge you to mark your calendars and make every effort to attend our next Annual Spring Dinner scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2005 in Manhattan at a venue to be

determined. We will again be honoring two deserving alumni that have distinguished themselves in their professional lives. You will be receiving an invitation and more detailed information within the next several months.

The Academy of Otolaryngology meeting is to be held in New York City at the Jacob Javits Convention Center this September. The Alumni Association is proud to co-sponsor its first ENT Cocktail Party in the form of the Combined Alumni Reception for the New York Otolaryngology Programs to be held at The University Club on Monday September 20th, 2004. All interested parties should kindly RSVP to Lisette Miller at 718-920-2991.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology Alumni Cocktail Party will be held on Sunday October 24, 2004 at Hotel Monteleone, 214 Rue Royal, New Orleans, LA starting at 6:30pm. Please be advised that this event is open to all Alumni and NYEEI staff in good standing (paid 2004-2005 dues) at no fee. One guest will also be admitted at no fee. If Association members wish to bring more than one guest, a \$50.00 contribution would be greatly appreciated. All other alumni and staff should send a \$50.00 check payable to The New York Eye and Ear Alumni Association to the letter head address. Cash and checks will also be accepted at the door the evening of the cocktail party.

Finally, it is my pleasure to announce that with the help of our wonderful Information Systems Department, the [Alumni Directory](#) section of our web page is now activated. Please take a few moments to review the accuracy of your listing and inform us of any changes or additions via my e-mail address.

My fellow officers, Melissa Pashcow and Richard DeLuca, join me in wishing you all continued health, happiness and prosperity. If you should have any other questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me at dbuxton@nyee.edu.

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

Sincerely yours,

Douglas F. Buxton, MD

President, New York Eye and Ear Infirmary Alumni Association