long-term employees play an invaluable role in the life of UT Southwestern Medical Center. Their faithful, dedicated service has helped the institution become what it is today. In this special edition of Center Times, we showcase some of these employees and their varied interests. Dr. Daniel K. Podolsky, President of UT Southwestern Medical Center, will host a May 8 luncheon to honor employees with 50, 45, 40, 35, and 30 years of service and to welcome new members of the Quarter Century Club.

By Jeff Carlton

The longer James Campbell works at St. Paul University Hospital, the younger the doctors seem to get.

“I’m starting to think some of them look like teenagers,” joked Mr. Campbell, now 69.

After more than 50 years at St. Paul, the orthopaedic technician estimates that he has helped place thousands of casts and assisted as many patients. He was himself a teenager when he started working at St. Paul in 1961.

At the time, Mr. Campbell simply was looking for a better wage – and an escape from his heat-blasted summers in Grand Prairie.

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“Mr. Campbell began as an orderly in the Post-Recovery Unit, monitoring the vital signs of patients up to the ninth floor as I could,” Mr. Campbell said.

He recruited Mr. Campbell to come work for him, then spent two years training the younger man.

Mr. Campbell said he owes his career to his former boss.

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“A Louisiana transplant who arrived in Dallas in 1964, she obtained her vocational nursing degree in 1965 and married the following year. By 1969, she had her bachelor’s degree in 1965 and married the following year. And back in 1961, the hospital was a St. Paul employee.

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At the time, Mrs. Roberson was sitting straight up in her bed looking at the cardiac team trying to revive him.

“My husband of 47 years works as a plant manager at a plastics company on the day shift while Mrs. Roberson works mostly nights. With her trademark smile, she jokes that the opposing shifts are what have allowed them to stay together for so long.

She has taught herself to keep patients up to date. She once described the hospital as a community where she works.

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Carlyn York feels improvement specialist Gay Montree enjoys assisting surgeons and patients with scheduling procedures. It's important to her that they have a positive experience at the medical center. She came to St. Paul University Hospital before it was part of UT Southwestern and has relished working with colleagues, especially her fellow surgery scheduler Dale Syverson.

Mark Ms. Reed-Sciabarrasi down, also, as very excited about the William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital, which is now under construction on Harry Hines Boulevard.

“I pass by the construction site every day on my way to work,” she said. “I love watching the building’s progress and knowing that it’s going to be a wonderful addition to campus and a great resource for the Dallas community.”

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S I L V E R  A R N O L D

By Debbie Bolles

As she looks out her office window at the new William C. Clements Jr. University Hospital under construction, performance improvement specialist Gay Montree feels both pride and nostalgia. The changes are good, a reflection of her own career path that started 35 years ago at what is now St. Paul University Hospital.

“When I see the new hospital going up, I think, ‘Oh well, I won’t be here.’ But I’ll be one of the first to get in my car, come over and go on a tour of the new hospital,” said Ms. Montree, who will retire in 2014.

When she started at St. Paul as a nurse in 1976, the Roman Catholic Daughters of Charity operated the hospital. She was there in 1997 when Texas Health Resources bought the facility, and also in 2000 when it was acquired by UT Southwestern Medical Center.

“UT Southwestern came in and provided stability, safety, and vision for us,” Ms. Montree said. “They started making changes, and suddenly it became a very stable environment.”

Strong leadership from UT Southwestern enabled Ms. Montree to witness many milestones along the way, including the first heart transplant in Dallas, which was performed at St. Paul.

Outside the office, Ms. Montree participates in church activities, travels, and meets regularly with a group of church friends called the “Birthday Club.” The soft-spoken mystery book fan also works out every day.

G A Y  M O N T R E E

By Patrick Waizcovitch

Gary Gaulden knows how to carve out a focused career.

A medical technologist in Pathology-Hematology at St. Paul University Hospital, Mr. Gaulden has been providing clinical services in the same department at the same facility for his entire 35-year career. In fact, the hobbyist woodcarver was working at St. Paul even before graduating from Stephen F. Austin State University.

“I came here because of the training program,” he said. “SA&G’s med tech program had an association with St. Paul so I did my one-year clinical rotations here. When I was done, there was an opening and I was hired.”

Mr. Gaulden worked at St. Paul when it was a Roman Catholic medical institution, then a managed operation, and, since 2005, part of UT Southwestern Medical Center. One of his lasting memories is seeing Daughters of Charity every day.

“Nuns were on every floor,” he said. “It was a Catholic-based hospital, and they served as nurses.”

His job includes performing everything from routine hematology tests to specialized coagulation tests, like blood platelet aggregation. The operation has enlarged through UT Southwestern’s Venpath Laboratories membership.

Mr. Gaulden’s family includes his wife, Donna; a son, Jake; daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Art; and 3-year-old grandson, AJ. His continued interest in woodcarving started when Jake was in the Boy Scouts.

G A R Y  G A U L D E N

By Erin Prather Stafford

The Cowboys, Mavericks, and Stars – Georgia Reed-Sciabarrasi is a fan of all three. The surgery scheduler for Operating Room Management and Support enjoys cheering on her Dallas teams with her husband, Angelo. One of the most memorable games she attended was Roger Staubach’s last as quarterback for the Cowboys at the old Texas Stadium.

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By Lisa Warshaw

After 35 years as a registered nurse at St. Paul University Hospital, three children, and five grandchildren—all but one born at St. Paul—and thousands of babies born on her watch, Sheila Woodward-Morgan has earned her title of “grandnurse” among her peers in the neonatal and perinatal units at St. Paul.

“I just love my babies!” she said. “My first love is babies, and I get to work with them each and every day. I feel so truly blessed to do what I love and love what I do.”

From her beginnings in the newborn nursery to her current position as a perinatal charge nurse and instructor of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and neonatal resuscitation, Ms. Woodward-Morgan fondly recalls the memories she shares with families she has witnessed through the years.

“I once took care of a mom having her third child here at St. Paul. I took care of all of her babies, and it was a thrill to watch her family grow,” Ms. Woodward-Morgan recalled. “I also take great pride in watching 1- to 2-pound babies graduate from the NICU. These are my special babies.”

Her Cajun/creole roots in Louisiana ignite her passion for listening and dancing to the eclectic beats of zydeco music. Her love of baking yields a family favorite blackberry pie made from scratch. It is the passion she has, and the love she gives, that makes her a lifetime caregiver to her special babies, and her loving family.

By Erin Prather Stafford

A native of Thailand, Oromang (Orna) Charuworn and her sister came to the United States in 1966. After finishing high school in Missouri, both began careers in health care. Her sister is now a dentist, and Ms. Charuworn is a nurse.

Today she works as a nurse anesthetist for Labor and Delivery at St. Paul University Hospital. Ms. Charuworn also responds to code blue, which means a patient is in respiratory distress and must be intubated.

Her family is a large one. In addition to two sons, Ms. Charuworn has six sisters (one of whom is deceased) and three brothers. She also has 10 nieces and nephews and 13 great nieces and nephews.

Away from UT Southwestern Medical Center, Ms. Charuworn enjoys reading mystery novels and researching natural strategies for health ailments.

“Unfortunately, three of my siblings have been stricken with cancer, four with hypertension,” she said. “I like to read about natural ways to prevent these diseases for my family and myself. Despite the diseases, we’re still very close. My favorite pastime is calling everyone in Thailand.”

By Gail Grayson-Gipson

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By Marsha Congleton

Marsha Congleton has worked in just one department throughout her career at UT Southwestern Medical Center. As residency coordinator for the Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program, she crédits her colleagues for her tenure at the medical center and the feeling she experiences watching students enter the residency program, graduate, and embark on successful careers in medicine. Ms. Congleton and her husband, Jeff, have been married for 31 years. Their daughter is completing her master’s degree in 2013. Their daughter is completing her master’s degree in 2013.

Ms. Congleton is proud to be part of a community with such achievements in its history. As a clinical research coordinator for the Department of Neurology and Neurotherapeutics, Ms. Gorham has given me all of these things,” said Ms. Congleton.

By Evelyn Gomez

Evelyn Gomez grew up at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Now an accountant and a finance coordinator for the Heart and Lung Transplant Programs, she started her career in emergency room registration where she learned that helping patients was her calling. “I work hand in hand with the nurses and doctors to make sure workers help patients receive their life-saving surgeries.” Ms. Gomez said. “It’s wonderful to see the patients come back to clinic with their new heart or lungs, and I have made many wonderful friends here over the years.” Ms. Gomez and her husband, Michael, have two sons and a daughter. She is also a grandmother and loves to travel with her family. Occasionally, she’ll also try her hand at bingo.

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Evelyn Gomez fondly remembers the excitement that engulfed UT Southwestern Medical Center when Drs. Michael Brown and Joseph Goldstein were awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. Since then she’s witnessed other faculty being honored with Nobel laurels, and she is proud to be part of a community with such achievements in its history. As a clinical research coordinator for the Department of Neurology and Neurotherapeutics, Ms. Gorham has seen firsthand how technology has changed medical education. “I can remember grant preparation on typewriters and index from general stores taking a week to 10 days for delivery,” she said. Ms. Gorham enjoys spending time with her family, which includes husband Mike and two daughters.
As a scheduling coordinator for the Vascular and Interventional Radiology Program at UT Southwestern Medical Center, Brenda Johnson has a lot of interaction with patients. The self-described “super scheduler” checks patients in when they come to St. Paul University Hospital. Ms. Johnson is looking forward to the completion of the new William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital. Off campus she loves to take her daughter roller skating, an activity she did often during her younger years. She is also an avid reader. “I love fiction,” said Ms. Johnson. “I probably read one to two books per week. Being a tablet reader makes it easy. You have so many choices available at your fingertips.”

As an anesthesia technician, Daniel Juarez assists with caring for patients in surgery at the University Hospitals. His enthusiasm for UT Southwestern Medical Center and appreciation of his co-workers makes Mr. Juarez wish he had entered the health care industry at a younger age. “Two favorite memories I have of the campus are when my children were born at St. Paul,” he said. “I love what I do, especially helping patients. I also like hearing faculty and staff share stories about UT Southwestern and its history.” Mr. Juarez has been married to wife Mellie for 32 years. The couple have a son, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

Pam Sternweis came to UT Southwestern Medical Center in 1981 as a research assistant in the laboratory of Dr. Alfred Gilman. As part of Dr. Gilman’s research team, she contributed to the studies that would lead to him receiving the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1994. Ms. Sternweis and her husband, Dr. Paul Sternweis, now Director of the Cell Signaling course in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, were part of the medical center delegation to that historic event. “It was a wonderful whirlwind,” she said. “Dr. Gilman graciously and generously shared so much with so many by allowing us to bask in the reflected glory of it all.” Ms. Sternweis is now a coordinator for special projects in the Office of External Relations. Her oldest daughter Katie earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from UT Southwestern. Her younger daughter Elizabeth works in child care.

Ellen Watkins’ cooking would make physicians at UT Southwestern Medical Center proud. The office assistant in Obstetrics and Gynecology is currently perfecting the recipe for quinoa cinnamon muffins, a creation her nine step-grandchildren liken to eating cake. Ms. Watkins began working at the medical center as a clerk typist. Ms. Watkins likes to travel with her husband. Nicaragua was a favorite trip she wants to go back, and the couple also hopes to see New Zealand. In addition to her grandchildren, Ms. Watkins has two step-siblings, five sisters, and a brother.

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Opal Wyatt loves UT Southwestern Medical Center and the lifelong friends she's made in her career. As an administrative associate for client services in Information Resources, Ms. Wyatt ensures that each member of her team has what is needed to get the job done on a day-to-day basis. “I am amazed at how much UT Southwestern has grown, especially the past five years,” she said. “It’s been a joy to see several new buildings go up and all the major advances in technology.” When she’s not on campus, Ms. Wyatt spends time with her husband and two sons. Her eldest is married with two children, and the family tries to get together for Sunday dinner twice a month. They also enjoy traveling together.

Aziza Young

Every day, Aziza Larkin Young thinks about the William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital and is ecstatic about the resources that the state-of-the-art facility will provide. Ms. Young works as a financial manager for St. Paul Medical Foundation, a lead business analyst/architect in Alternative Delivery Systems at what is now St. Paul University Hospital, and is now the primary reason she’s logged 25 years at UT Southwestern Medical Center as a single mom with a 3-year-old daughter, fresh from a divorce and the loss of a job. Her new position, senior accountant for Alternative Delivery Systems, which provides Epic systems team, Mr. Barnes lives with Mary, his wife, Chuck, and their two daughters.

Carol Bailes

Serena “Cari” Bailes joined UT Southwestern Medical Center as a single mom with a 3-year-old daughter, fresh from a divorce and the loss of a job. Her new position, senior accountant for Alternative Delivery Systems at what is now St. Paul University Hospital, proved to be “exciting and rewarding,” as she helped set up new business programs for the hospital. Ms. Bailes is now financial manager for St. Paul Medical Foundation, and her daughter is completing nursing school, having been influenced her entire life by individuals “who helped her develop that understanding of health care and how much our organization does for people.”

David Barnes

From blood and tissue samples to computer screens and programming, David Barnes has seen the lab at St. Paul University Hospital from all sides. A lead business analyst/architect in Information Resources, which provides Epic systems team, Mr. Barnes lives with Mary, his wife of 20 years, and four cats. In his spare time, he enjoys collecting fossils, hiking, medieval history, and paleoecology.

Jimmy Cawthon

As a safety specialist in Environmental Health and Safety, Jimmy Cawthon visits laboratories on campus, checking for the proper use of radioactive materials. He’s also been treated at the UT Southwestern Medical Center. “Knowing that I work for one of the world’s foremost research institutions, I was able to be one of the first participants in the cutting-edge use of deep brain stimulation in the treatment of medication-resistant depression. Being a lifelong depression sufferer, this technology has been a life-changing event for me.” Mr. Cawthon says he’s also grateful for the “outstanding” benefit packages offered by the university.
Did you know: UT Southwestern's 400-acre campus of almost 11 million-square-feet of building space includes more than 30 facilities.

**LUEVENIA COATS**

Luvenia Coats, a quality assurance coordinator in patient support services in the Adjustments Department, said, “UT Southwestern’s Medical Center has been a good place to work.”

Mrs. Coats has praise for her coworkers. “The adjustments staff is the best!”

Married to Raymond Coats Sr., she and her husband have two sons, as well as three grandchildren. She enjoys spending time with her family and traveling.

**MARY EWING**

Mary Ewing recalls when she sent her resume to the late Pathology chairman, Dr. Vernie Stembridge. It was 1985, and she was working as a pathology transcriptionist in a Denver hospital and ready to move to Dallas. “He knew my boss in Denver and called for a reference, and then called me. He asked if I would like to work at UT Southwestern Medical Center. The rest is history.”

Ms. Ewing began as an administrative assistant in the Department of Pathology. Today, she is the department manager in the Department of Clinical Sciences, directing financial, personnel, and clinical research activities. When not working, Ms. Ewing enjoys traveling to such “out-of-the-way places as Bhutan and Antarctica,” as well as cooking, sking, bicycling, and “discovering great red wines at bargain prices.”

**BRUCE FOLCHERT**

For Bruce Folchert, the people he has met are the best thing about working at UT Southwestern Medical Center. A senior business analyst in Information Resources, Mr. Folchert says the friendships he has made during the years are amazing. “I can walk through St. Paul and run into people I met 25 years ago. I have seen a lot of changes since I began working here [as a security officer]. New buildings are great, but it’s the people in them that make them great!” He enjoys spending time wakeboarding on area lakes, and with friends and family, and he says he stayed at UT Southwestern because of the difference the medical center makes. “Even though I do not provide direct patient care, working in health care can be rewarding if you focus on the big picture and realize the life-changing system of which you are a part.”

**BARBARA GILBERT**

“What have I gotten myself into,” Barbara Gilbert remembers asking herself on her first day at UT Southwestern Medical Center. The first co-worker she met was a “nutty nurse” serving horsebit stories and proclaiming how difficult it was to work there. Two days later, the “nutty nurse” was fired, and Ms. Gilbert was the only nurse in the main medical building at the James W. Aston Ambulatory Care Center. Thanks to gastroenterology nurse Ann Lakhani, who today is her best friend, and an administrative assistant, she survived and thrived. Mr. Gilbert is a research nurse and coordinator in the Eugene McDermott Center for Human Growth and Development, assisting Dr. Helen Hobbs with genetic research studies. “The challenge of coming to work here every day and being exposed constantly to new projects and new people is the most rewarding thing that could have ever happened to me.”

**JEANETTE COLEMAN**

Theresa Jeanette Coleman, clinical coordinator of the NICU, considers the department’s annual reunion one of her favorite days of the year. “Babies and their families are able to come back to see us, which is extremely rewarding, considering the difficulties many went through.” A part of the NICU since starting at UT Southwestern Medical Center, Mrs. Coleman considers the unit “a close-knit family,” and “a part of that.” Mrs. Coleman enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, attending church, and participating in her book club of 15 years.

**JULIE LANDERBEG**

Julie Landesberg has worn a number of hats during the past 25 years, starting as a secretary in Public Affairs. Today, she is the director of the Office of the Vice President for Clinical Operations, as well as director of the Patient Assistance Office, overseeing the process for addressing patient concerns. She credits her experiences in Affairs and Clinical Operations for providing her the opportunity to learn about the clinical enterprise and to grow professionally. “I really enjoy the dynamic atmosphere of a large academic medical center.”

Away from the office, she likes to spend time at home with her husband, Pete, and her “critters,” which include horses, goats, pigs, emus, cats, assorted reptiles, a cockatoo, and a mastiff named Rocky.
Sometimes crossing the street can change one’s life. Dale Lester, public safety officer, met his wife of 20 years while directing traffic at the south campus crosswalk. “My wife and I met at a corner,” he said. “She was a nurse and I was on duty.” Today, the couple have three grown children, a dog, and a cat. When Mrs. Lester started at UT Southwestern, there were only five buildings and one patrol car. “I’ve observed the expansion of the campus to what it is today, and the police department grow from one car, sharing a radio frequency with the physical plant, to a modern professional high-tech police agency.” When not at work, he enjoys camping, traveling, and Dutch oven cooking. He also serves in the Texas State Guard, with the rank of corporal.

CAROLYN J. PARKER

Carolyn J. Parker has helped patients survive and thrive for 25 years now—answering their phone calls and helping ensure that they receive the right food orders while staying in St. Paul University Hospital. A diet clerk in the room service area of Nutrition Services, Mrs. Parker enjoys working with people and being able to help others. “In addition to taking food orders and answering patients’ questions about menus, she must make sure each order meets any dietary restrictions the patient’s doctor may have mandated. Married, with a grown son and daughter, Mrs. Parker enjoys baking and watching movies. Her baking specialty is cakes, and she enjoys reading, going to movies, attending cooking classes, Zumba dancing, going to aerobics classes, and doing volunteer work.

TERESA PAYNE

An abstractor in the Elaine D. and Charles A. Sammons Heart, Lung and Vascular Comprehensive Center at St. Paul University Hospital, Teresa Payne deals daily with patient files and data—but what she most enjoys is meeting in person the individuals represented in those files. “Being able to share in the joy and happiness of a patient who has received a transplant and has come back to the clinic to visit is very special.” Mrs. Payne, who started at UT Southwestern Medical Center as an EKG technician, also enjoys the friends she’s made during the past 25 years. “I have been able to advance into different positions and have worked with some awesome people along the way.” When not at work, Mrs. Payne enjoys going to movies, listening to jazz, and spending time with family and friends.

ROBBIN PECK

One of the things she likes best about working at UT Southwestern Medical Center is seeing patients recover, said Robbin Peck, an administrative associate and assistant to Dr. Carol Tamminga, Chairman of Psychiatry. “The first time I saw a patient who had participated in a depression clinical trial, whose improvement was so dramatic that I didn’t recognize her, it gave me great joy to see the transformation.” Ms. Peck began her career at UT Southwestern as a secretary in the psychiatry clinic at the James W. Aston Ambulatory Care Center. “UT Southwestern has been a wonderful place to work. I refer to the people I work with as my work family, some becoming lasting friends.” When not at work, she enjoys quilting, reading, spending time with family and friends and—her three cats—and cooking for family and friends.

JOHN SHELTON

John Shelton admits to having an exciting life, both in and away from UT Southwestern Medical Center. As a senior research professor in Internal Medicine, he manages the Molecular Pathology Core, consulting lab clients and overseeing anatomic and histopathology production. “I have stayed here because I’m proud of the work that we do,” he said. “I have also had the opportunity to maintain patient and family relationships from within the UT Southwestern family. When I left UT Southwestern to work at another hospital,” he said, “I always knew that I would return.”

KAREN SMITH

Karin Smith has had the opportunity to work in OB/GYN and in Oncology Research, as well as Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, where she serves now as nursing supervisor. “The level of knowledge is so high, as are the expectations of excellence. There are also many learning opportunities and the ability to play a part in helping with novel concepts and procedures.” She has a grown daughter and son, as well as a 7-year-old granddaughter and a new “blind grand puppy.” Ms. Smith enjoys gardening, medical mission trips, and adventure travel—including trips that had her snorkeling with sharks in Belize, paragliding off a mountain, and hiking on a glacier in Switzerland.

LOU PAREDES

Lou Paredes cherishes riding his motorcycle across the country and participating in activities that keep his body moving. The tech support specialist for Information Resources says the reason he’s stayed at UT Southwestern Medical Center is simple: “I love what I do and have established some great relationships through the years.” He also enjoys reading, and knowing I’m helping with our overall mission to provide extraordinaire patient care means a lot.”

Did you know:

The NCI-designated Harold C. Simmons Cancer Center is one of 66 top-tier cancer centers in the nation.

As a parking enforcement officer for the Department of Auxiliary Enterprise, James Philip knows the UT Southwestern Medical Center campus like the back of his hand. His tasks include ensuring visitors to campus are parking their cars safely. Mr. Philip has witnessed firsthand the medical center’s growth, including the construction of the North Campus. He credits his colleagues as the reason he has stayed. “I am looking forward to the completion of the William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital,” he said. “It’s inspiring to be part of this community.” In his spare time Mr. Philip plays the keyboard and spends time with his loved ones, including his wife, Rhoda, and two children, Jesse, 21, and Rebekah, 14.

As a senior research scientist for Internal Medicine, Dr. Jose A. Lopez, Director of Environmental Health and Safety, provides opportunities for leadership.” Mrs. Parki, who has two grown children, enjoys reading, attending movies, attending cooking classes, Zumba dancing, going to aerobics classes, and doing volunteer work.

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For Milagros Uranza, the “support that one gets from co-workers and management” and the joy she feels every year at the NICU reunion are the primary reasons she’s stayed at UT Southwestern Medical Center. A registered respiratory therapist in the unit, Ms. Uranza enjoys the daily duties of her job, as well as instructing and helping with RN orientation to respiratory therapy. “I love being a part of the NICU team and enjoy being involved in the care of critically ill babies and providing them with the support they need to survive in the early stages of life, and then seeing them discharged and going home with their families. My favorite time is when they come back all dressed up and happy during the annual Preemie Party.”

Notice anything different?

The sign at the main entrance to the campus recently underwent a renovation, although the change might not be readily discernible. What’s new? In the wake of a decision by the UT System Board of Regents to approve a name change, the words “at Dallas” are no longer a part of the UT Southwestern Medical Center name.