

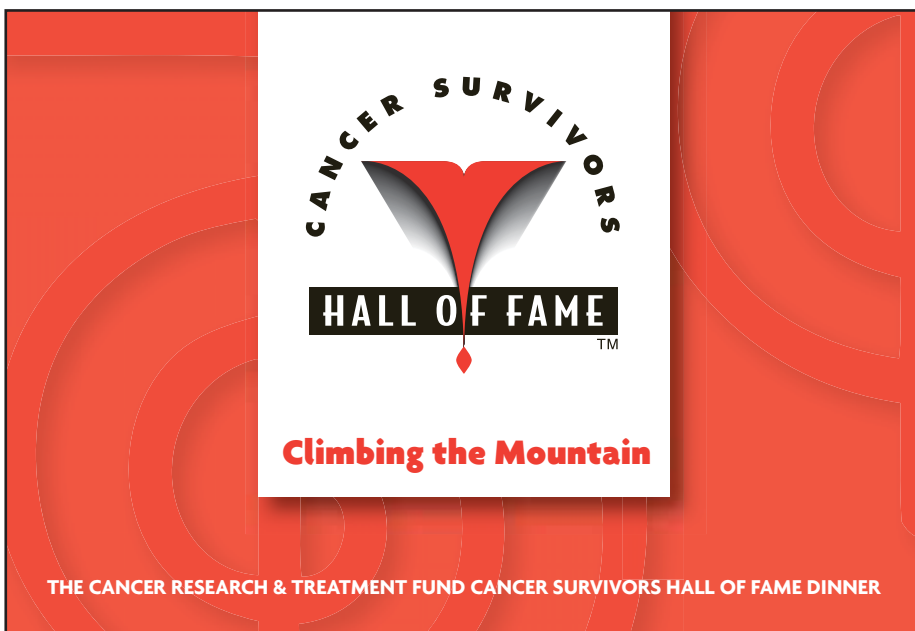
**Cancer  
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## CANCER SURVIVORS HALL OF FAME CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN

## SUCCESS OF CR&T GRANT SERVES AS TEMPLATE FOR NEW MAJOR TRAINING GRANT



**O**n Tuesday, November 17, Cancer Research & Treatment Fund held its 2009 Hall of Fame Dinner at The Essex House where guests gathered to honor the evening's distinguished guests.

Sean Swarner was inducted into the Cancer Survivors Hall of Fame. Sean is the first cancer survivor to summit Mount Everest. Sean was diagnosed with two different types of cancer, Stage IV Hodgkin's and Askin's Sarcoma. Sean realized that after defeating cancer twice, no challenge would ever be too great or any peak too high to climb. As Sean continues to test his own personal endurance, he continues his dedication toward his mission of sharing his message of healing, hope and triumph with cancer patients worldwide.

Richard Feinbloom was recognized as the 2009 Humanitarian Honoree. In his many community activities, Richard has most recently

served in various roles to support optical research for the visually impaired and to help underprivileged patients and students receive eye care services. He also sponsors scholarships that benefit students attending optometry schools throughout the United States.

The Hall of Fame Dinner celebrates two unique individuals. The Cancer Survivor Hall of Fame Award recognizes an individual for spirit and determination in conquering his/her cancer and for inspiring those who struggle with their own disease. The Humanitarian Award recognizes an outstanding individual for charitable activities which significantly impact the lives of others and the community where they live.

Douglas McCormick, CR&T Board President, acted as Master of Ceremonies. A special thanks to Kasia McCormick and all who made the night a wonderful success.

As a third-year Ph.D. student in biomedical engineering (BME) at Cornell University, Ms. Puifai Santisakultarm has had significant exposure to clinical medicine that helps to focus her CR&T funded research on questions that have direct impact on patient care. Now, Ms. Santisakultarm's training experience has served as an exemplary model of the Ph.D. experience that has helped the BME department obtain a major training grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI).

As a first-year graduate student, Puifai joined the research group headed by Prof. Chris B. Schaffer, who uses advanced optical techniques to study in vivo biological processes in normal and diseased states, with a focus on neurological disease. Prof. Schaffer and Ms. Santisakultarm are working to understand how diseases that elevate blood cell counts, such as polycythemia vera, impact blood flow in the brain. CR&T has supported this work for the past two years, first with a grant to Prof. Schaffer's laboratory and now with a graduate fellowship to Ms. Santisakultarm.

Puifai's exposure to clinical research began with her participation in the BME department's summer "immersion term" at the end of her first year of graduate school. In this program, BME Ph.D. students spend eight weeks at Weill Cornell Medical College (WCMC). While at WCMC, Puifai worked under Dr. Richard Silver, the Medical Director and Vice President of CR&T, studying the genetic and physiological basis of myeloproliferative disorders as well as witnessing the diagnosis and treatment of patients in the hematology department. Puifai returned to Ithaca with a significantly deepened clinical insight on myeloproliferative disorders,

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# THE CANCER RESEARCH & TREATMENT

## Cancer Survivor Hall of Fame



Hall of Fame guests



Douglas McCormick, CR&T board president, and Sean Swarner, Cancer Survivor Inductee



Joe Aimi, CR&T board member, and Richard Feinbloom, Humanitarian Honoree



Richard Feinbloom, 2009 Humanitarian Honoree



Sean Swarner and Hall of Fame guests



Douglas



Dr. Richard Feinbloom, Sean Swarner



# TREATMENT FUND

## Survivors Dinner



as & Kasia McCormick



Richard Silver and  
Swarner

**T**he Hamlet Golf and Country Club in Commack, New York, was the site of Cancer Research & Treatment Fund's Seventh Annual Tournament held October 5, 2009. Golf and tennis enthusiasts came together at this Long Island club to demonstrate their support to help CR&T raise money to fund research that leads to effective treatments for cancer. The funds contributed by the players and the dollars raised from auction items and a special Pebble Beach trip will help those men, women and children stricken with cancer. For this reason, supporting cancer research, the Tournament was a wonderful success. Thanks to board members Joe Aimi and Jay Hochfelsen, Wayne Green and the committee for a great event. CR&T would also like to acknowledge the generosity of Henry Amoroso. After winning the Pebble Beach Golf Trip, Henry, a CR&T board member, donated the trip back to CR&T to be auctioned at the Hall of Fame Dinner. A special thanks to Henry Amoroso.

## Golf and Tennis

**CR&T would also like to thank the following for their generous support:**

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**Todd Shaw, CR&T board member, his wife Kristen and son Brady enjoy winning the car auction.**

# Tournament



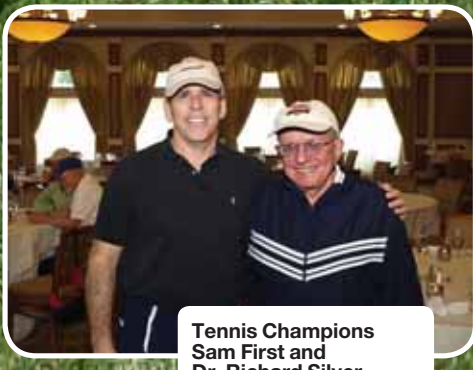
**Great Golfers**



**John Spallin, Pat Hickey, Joe Aimi, CR&T board member, and Joe Hickey**



**Eric Wilson and Todd Shaw, CR&T board member**



**Tennis Champions Sam First and Dr. Richard Silver**



**Ed DePaola, Colleen Perlmutter and Jonathan Baker**



## RECORD ATTENDANCE AT THE 5TH INTERNATIONAL MPD PATIENT SYMPOSIUM

# 5<sup>th</sup> International Patient Symposium on Myeloproliferative Diseases



David Boule recognized by Dr. Richard Silver for organizing the symposium.

On November 4, 2009, Cancer Research & Treatment Fund co-sponsored the 5th International Patient Symposium on Myeloproliferative Diseases. This educational conference was attended by well over 200 individuals from 20 states across the country, as well as other countries including Canada, United Kingdom, Turkey and the Netherlands. This was a fabulous 40% increase over attendance at the 4th International Symposium. Dave Boule, CR&T Board Member, chaired the patient committee that organized this event by providing valuable input on both the format and content they, as patients, wanted to see at the Symposium. It was held at the New York Athletic Club, a wonderful venue that the patients really appreciated.

developments and treatment of myeloproliferative diseases. The distinguished faculty of physician/scientists participating in this day-long session were: Dr. Tiziano Barbui, Ospedali Riuniti di Bergamo; Dr. Richard Champlin, MD Anderson Cancer Center; Dr. Ruben Mesa, Mayo Clinic; Dr. Richard Silver, Weill Cornell Medical College; Dr. Jerry Spivak, Johns Hopkins University; Dr. Ayalew Tefferi, Mayo Clinic; and, Dr. Srdan Verstovsek, MD Anderson Cancer .

Based on the universally positive evaluations received from the participants, the Symposium was a big success in providing new material to the patients and their families that enhance their understanding of their disease, current treatments, and new drugs in development. All the presentations from the patient symposium are available online at [www.crt.org](http://www.crt.org).

A world renowned panel of doctors presented exciting news about the latest research



Symposium Attendees



Dr. Srdan Verstovsek and Dr. Tiziano Barbui



Renowned Faculty including Dr. Jerry Spivak, Dr. Ayalew Tefferi, Dr. Ruben Mesa, Dr. Richard Champlin and Dr. Richard Silver



Dr. Richard Silver thanking Dr. Tiziano Barbui who traveled from Italy.



Symposium Attendees

## SUCCESS IN CR&T GRANT

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and new ideas about research questions that could be addressed in Prof. Schaffer's laboratory.

Working in collaboration with Dr. Silver as well as Dr. Andy Schafer, a hematologist at WCMC, and Prof. Bill Olbricht, an expert in blood rheology in BME, Puifai began studies of cerebral blood flow in mouse models of polycythemia vera using the high resolution optical imaging methods available in Prof. Schaffer's laboratory. The collaborative efforts among this group have served to focus the research on questions of relevance to patients and has facilitated uniquely well-rounded graduate

training for Puifai. Recently at the 5th International Congress on Myeloproliferative Diseases and Myelodysplastic Syndromes, Prof. Schaffer presented a talk on some of Puifai's remarkable findings. Puifai has found there is a significant decrease in cerebral blood flow in polycythemic mice along with a dramatic increase in microvascular occlusions, or small strokes. These microstrokes could impact cognitive function. Preliminary evidence points to white blood cell activation and adhesion to the inside of blood vessels playing an important role in producing these microblockages, suggesting possible therapeutic opportunities.

CR&T support of Ms. Santisakultarm's training helped the BME department develop



**Puifai Santisakultarm**

a prototype of the student training experience that will be implemented over the next four years under the newly-funded HHMI program titled "Bringing Clinical Medicine into Biomedical Engineering." The training grant is part of HHMI's 2010 "Med-Into-Grad Initiative," which encourages graduate schools to integrate medical knowledge and an appreciation for clinical practice into Ph.D. training. The grant to BME will provide support for doctoral students to participate in collaborative research between BME in Ithaca and key

departments at WCMC, including medicine, surgery, neurosurgery, radiology, pediatrics and urology. Modeled off of Puifai's experience, the research students supported by the new grant will be co-mentored by clinical faculty from WCMC and faculty from BME. The Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant also provides support for students in the biomedical engineering-Weill Cornell Medical College immersion term, where Puifai's exposure to clinical medicine began. We thank CR&T for providing the necessary funding to begin this critical research.

**Please help** us advance our mission to provide the most promising state of the art research that leads to effective treatments for cancer. Please send your gift today. We thank you for your continued support in helping CR&T find a cure.

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