

Hi Everyone

Some weeks the Departmental Acknowledgement is a slam-dunk. For me it became apparent on Saturday night when I watched **Claudette Bardin** and **Chris Karatzios** participate in the MUHC's Dancing with the Docs fundraiser. It was a really fun event and I was glad to see, and be part of, a large turnout from our Children's community to root on 'our' Docs.

Alas I could find no Oslerian words of wisdom on dance... however a better dancer named Mikhail Baryshnikov once said: "I do not try to dance better than anyone else. I only try to dance better than myself". These words ring true for both Claudette and Chris that evening.

Claudette, at an age when I expect to be dancing with my walker, danced a wonderful tango replete with attitude, classicism and as expected a certain "je ne sais quoi". Claudette is among our most well respected clinicians and teachers and has served our community in a variety of roles over the years too numerous to mention. Her dancing was an inspiration to all of us couch potatoes (and I am among the worst offenders) suggesting that with effort and passion our bodies are indeed capable of much more than we give it credit for.

Chris danced a powerfully sensual samba-salsa. His hips appear to do more rotations than a blender in overdrive. He was totally in the moment and appeared to be having so much fun. His joy in his performance was palpable. Clearly if he ever gets tired of his gig as a ID specialist with a particular focus on HIV infections and a key role in UGME Basics of Medicine (Infection & Immunology), he would enjoy an equally successful (and perhaps as lucrative career given the squeals from the female members of the audience) as a ballroom dancer. Not surprisingly Chris took home the top prize continuing what has now become a tradition of MCH winners. As we like to say; "Pediatrics rocks"

Events like Dancing with Docs give us a chance to celebrate and socialize away from the hospital. We work hard and we have all well earned the right to play and kick back or just savor the moment in a way that gives us pleasure. These are also important moments to cement our ties as a community working for a common good. In this spirit I encourage each of you to join the fun at the upcoming CPDP's Spring Fling and the MCHF's ABC Ball. I look forward to sharing those moments with you.

Have a great weekend!

Michael