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Hi Everyone.

Several weeks ago I had the pleasure of attending on one night two celebrations of remarkable individuals in our Department.

The first was a retirement party for **Robert Brouillette** thrown by his colleagues in neonatology. While it is sad to see Bob leave our fold, it was great to recount his substantive contributions to his field and our Department. Bob was recruited from Northwestern in Chicago in the late 1980's to McGill and the MCH to head up our Division of Neonatology, which he led for close to two decades. In addition to this substantive administrative responsibility, he continued to pursue an active research interest in newborn respiratory illness and physiology and developed a Pediatric Sleep Laboratory at the MCH. Bob can take responsibility for having trained a generation of Canada's leading neonatologists, including many of our own Faculty. Along the way he contributed in multiple leadership roles including Director of Clinical Research, member of the Department's Executive Committee and Interim Chair of the Department. Bob has earned his retirement, which no doubt he will share with his family and continue to be a tough competitor in tennis and a fan of Les Canadiens. Please join me in wishing Bob a retirement filled with health, happiness and only good things.

The second celebratory event was a gala dinner during a Festshrift for **Ernie Seidman**. This was organized by his colleagues in gastroenterology in recognition of his enormous contributions over the years in IBD research and the training of GI fellows that have populated the globe. The Festshrift was a special two day long conference that brought together leading IBD researchers from around the globe testifying to the esteem in which Ernie is held by his peers. It was a tangible demonstration of his enormous impact in his field.

Bob and Ernie are both examples of excellence that contributes to the vitality of our Departmental community. Please join me in congratulating them on their extra-ordinary peer recognition.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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