



### CANCER CENTER MEMORIES

I immensely enjoyed Sally Pobojewski's "Joining Forces" article.

The flood of memories came to me as I remembered my time working in the trailer — the early days of the Cancer Center. My job was to coordinate the Cancer Center Grand Rounds. I helped recruit physicians from all over the United States to come and speak about the latest and greatest breakthroughs in cancer research and science.

The biggest challenge was making sure that the doctors had a blast while in Ann Arbor, and my favorite part was arranging dinners for them while they were in town. I loved every minute of that job.

Thanks for the walk down memory lane!  
*Renee Baude*

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### JULIANA'S STORY

Just a note to let you know how very much my wife, Ruth, and I enjoyed and appreciated the excellent article about palliative care in the last issue of *Medicine at Michigan*. And, of course, we were just thrilled to see the "Juliana's Story" sidebar.

For us, to have a story about Juliana's final weeks in your publication, six years after she passed away, is deeply rewarding.

There's been a lot of serenity and healing for us in our having been able to stay engaged with Mott's Palliative Care Suite, and the talks we'd been invited to give, and other ways that the memory of our kids, Sam and Juliana, has been kept alive. We really feel fortunate and grateful about that.

Thank you.

*Bill Zirinsky  
 Ruth Scbekter*

### PRAISING PALLIATIVE CARE

I did my internal medicine residency and my hematology fellowship at the U-M. I was on the U-M Medical School faculty until July 1978, when I joined the faculty of Quillen College of Medicine in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Since my career involved cancer patients I often dealt with hospice and end-of-life issues. I was very pleased to see in the winter 2014 issue of *Medicine*

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at *Michigan* the article on palliative care. It has long been needed and I am glad that it is now offered as a specialty. Keep up the good work.

*May L. Votaw (M.D. 1956), Retired*

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Over the last year, *Medicine at Michigan* has won a number of awards, both for overall quality and for writing. The magazine won an Award of Excellence for External Publications from the Association of American Medical Colleges' Group on Institutional Advancement. This award, given earlier this year, is the first major award the magazine has won from the group. Additionally, the magazine received the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's Region V bronze medal for specialized or unit-level magazines.

Ian Demsky's cover story for the spring/summer 2013 issue, "Our Unstable Genome," won a Robert G. Fenley Writing Award of Excellence in Basic Science Writing. This is one of the most prestigious awards in the country for medical science writing. Additionally, Demsky and Jeff Mortimer each won an honorable mention for stories they authored.

These awards are a reminder of the past success and the future promise of this magazine. It is an honor to edit this magazine and to follow in the steps of Rick Krupinski, the magazine's longtime editor.

Finally, UMHS and the Medical School have begun our new fundraising campaign Victors for Michigan: Medicine Needs Victors. To reflect that, the magazine's philanthropy section is now called, "Victors for Michigan."

*Patrick Cliff*