The year 2018 marks the 30th year of the Texas Heart Institute Cardiac Society, founded to provide an avenue for exchange of ideas relating to clinical and research activities among present and former cardiology fellows, trainees, and teaching staff at THI. With a strong host of leaders the THICS steers its way into its 4th decade.

1989 – Patrick Hogan, from THI class of 1976, was the first president and still continues to serve now as president emeritus. As one of two presidents to serve multiple terms, Dr. Hogan served again in 2012.

1990 – Zvonimir Krajcer was THICS’s second president, finishing THI fellowship in 1977, and serves as Director of Peripheral Vascular Diseases at THI.

1991 – Ali Massumi, THICS’s third president, class of 1978, passed away in 2015 and served as Director of the Center for Cardiac Arrhythmias and Electrophysiology; beloved by the fellowship, he won numerous outstanding teacher awards until the end.

1992 – Chung-Shin Sung, another class of 1978, the fourth president, now in private practice with Cardiology Associates, Houston.

1993 – Sayed Feghali, the fifth president, from THI class of 1983, serves as the primary consulting cardiologist of the Liver Transplantation Board at Baylor St. Luke’s Medical Center.

1994 – Emerson Perin, class of 1991, is currently the Medical Director at THI.

1995 – Robert Walmsley, Class of 1990, serves on the THI teaching staff, Cardiovascular Disease and Interventional Cardiology Fellowship programs.

1996 – George Christy, from the class of 1992, is an interventional cardiologist with Advocate Health Care and medical director of the Advocate Good Shepherd cardiac rehabilitation in northwest Chicago.

1997 – Patrick Cook, class of 1985, serves on the THI teaching staff, Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship program.

1998 – Neil Strickman, class of 1982, rounds out the first decade of THICS presidents and continues on the teaching staff at THI and Co-director of Peripheral Vascular Disease services. (continued on page 2)
This also marks the 30th year of existence for THICS. We have enjoyed great leadership and direction over three decades. For those trying to remember who was president during your time and wondering where they are now, we have compiled the 30 years of THICS leaders.

I look forward to seeing you at future THICS events in 2018.

-Wilson Lam
The THI cardiology fellowship program continues to recruit some of the best applicants in the nation. We had an outstanding match this year, ranking 6 remarkable young physicians. We look forward to witnessing what they will achieve as they mature into cardiologists in our fellowship program.

George Younis  
Associate Program Director  
Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship

**NEW FELLOWS**

**ROBERT BAGWELL**  
A reformed attorney who attended UT-Austin and Washington & Lee School of Law before coming to UT-San Antonio medical school and completing the University of Michigan’s IM Residency program.

**NUMAN KHAN**  
A native Texan who enjoys singing jazz, classical, opera, and choral music. He is a TCU graduate who attended Baylor College of Medicine en route to Johns Hopkins IM Residency.

**ROBERT PAISLEY**  
Having earned the US Army’s Parachutist Badge, Dr. Paisley attended Texas A&M and UTHSC Houston medical school, and he completed his residency at Baylor College of Medicine.

**MICHAEL HARMS**  
An Ohio native with experience playing fantasy football. He attended Whitworth University, the University of Washington School of Medicine, and the University of Washington IM Residency.

**JEANNEY LEW**  
A Gainesville native who attended college and medical school at the University of Florida before coming to UT Southwestern for Residency.

**HEATHER PEMBERTON**  
A former competitive soccer player, Dr. Pemberton completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Washington, which led her to Georgetown University School of Medicine, followed by Residency at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

**FROM PAST TO PRESENT**

*My Dearest Brothers and Sisters,*

As I look back over the ten years since the THI Cardiac Society Symposium was founded, I’m truly overjoyed to see how this venture has helped so many of our young cardiology fellows in that time. I thought of creating this symposium because the Cardiac Society needed to raise funds for existing and future expenses (Christmas party, Cardiology Fellows Pinning ceremony, etc), but more importantly, to unite the Society by developing strong ties among us. We invited former fellows from THI—Drs. Hershell Silberman (McAllen, Texas), Michael Mitschke (Houston, Texas), Philip Haas (Houston, Texas), Stephanie Grosz (Mobile, Alabama), and Srikanth Damaraju (Corpus Christi, Texas)—who brought their experience and knowledge back to our organization by presenting interesting cases, while Drs. Perin, Kalife, Fish, Mortazavi, Strickman, Krajcer, Massumi, Rasekh, Loyalka, and Hernandez made for a well-balanced group of moderators. In addition, to meet our financial goals, we brought in several pharmaceutical and medical device companies, which advertised their products in exchange for medical grants. I am very proud to be a member of this society and of what it has accomplished on behalf of our fellowship.

*Best,*  
*Dr. Andres Mesa*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MAY 11, 2018**  
10th Annual THI Cardiac Society Symposium

**OCTOBER 5-6, 2018**  
THI International Symposium on Cardiovascular Regenerative Medicine

**OCTOBER 20-21, 2018**  
14th Annual Diabetes Symposium for Primary Care Physicians

**DECEMBER 14, 2018**  
Cardiology Fellows Annual Holiday Party