

## Au Revoir and Bon Chance

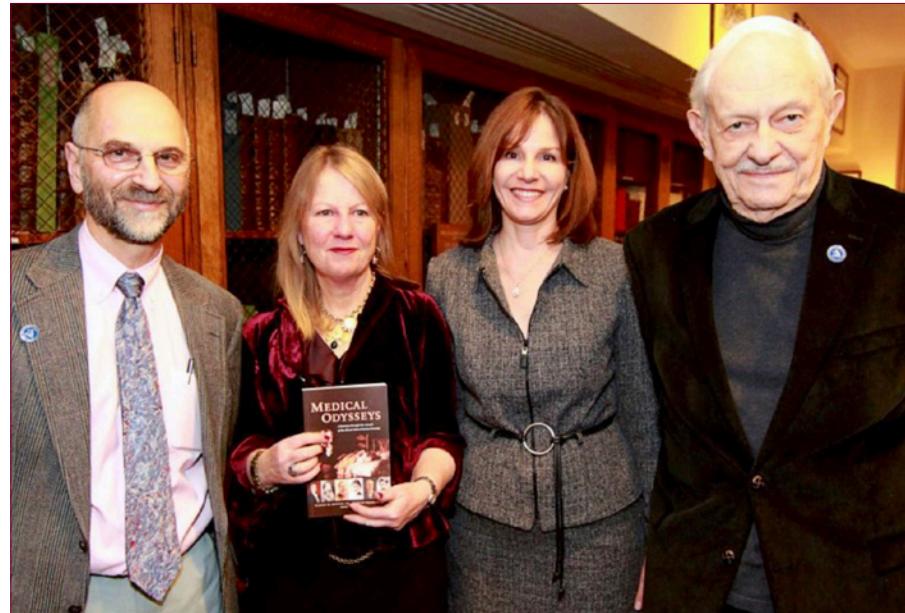
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The February issue of the *Rhode Island Medical Journal* (RIMJ) marks the end of an era. **DR. KEN KORR** and **MARY KORR**, our associate editor and managing editor respectively, are leaving the Journal to concentrate on grandchildren, gorgeous sunsets in the Bay area, and to pursue projects outside of medicine. Together, Ken and Mary have devoted almost 30 years to the Journal.

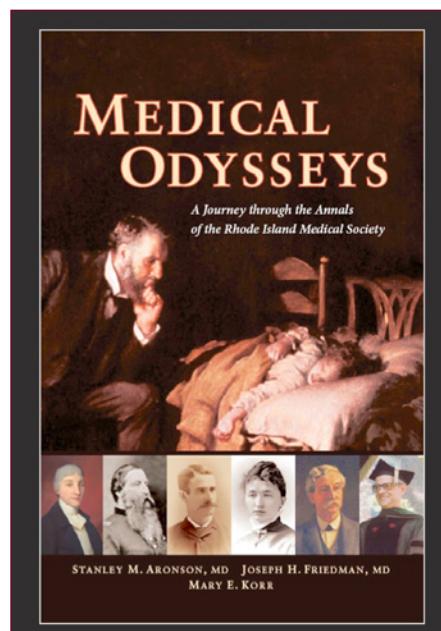
Dr. Korr began his Rhode Island journey as a cardiology fellow in 1978 at The Miriam Hospital. His talent was quickly recognized and he became the chief of Miriam's cardiac catheterization laboratory in 1981, a role he held for about 30 years. Dr. Korr started the interventional cardiology program at Miriam, and created the interventional fellowship program. He became the cardiology division director at Miriam, and later the director of in-patient cardiology services at the Lifespan Cardiovascular Institute (CVI). He also guest edited RIMJ three times in a span of 30 years, and became associate editor in 2015. He retired as an emeritus professor at Brown in 2016, and has continued as associate editor since his retirement.

During my first year as editor-in-chief of the Journal, Ken wrote a perspective piece looking back on the 50th anniversary of Woodstock, where he served as a medical volunteer. He cared for patients with lacerations and bad trips while feasting on veggies and beans during a sumptuous musical banquet that defined a generation. His guidance and wisdom has been invaluable during my tenure, and I am going to miss his steady hand. Enjoy playing more guitar! Turn it up to 11!

Simply put, the RIMJ would not exist without Mary Korr. Mary's path to the Journal came by way of a career in journalism. She worked for the *Attleboro Sun Chronicle* and then the *Providence Journal* between 1978–2002. She



*Medical Odysseys* was published in celebration of the Rhode Island Medical Society's Bicentennial in 2012. From left are **Joseph H. Friedman, MD**; **Mary Korr**; graphic designer **Marianne Migliori**, and the late **Stanley M. Aronson, MD**, at the John Hay Library book-signing event.



became the editor/senior writer of the *Jewish Voice and Herald* between 2003–2011, and edited Dr. Stan Aronson's columns. In 2010, the managing editor of the RIMJ did not have time to compile a book on the history of medicine in Rhode Island for the Rhode Island Medical Society's (RIMS) Bicentennial in 2012, and so Mary came to the rescue. *Medical Odysseys*, co-authored with **DRS. STANLEY M. ARONSON** and **JOSEPH H. FRIEDMAN**, is a remarkable work that provides a lens into the history of medicine not only in Rhode Island but also in the United States from the 18th–20th century.

Fortunately, the position of managing editor became available in 2013, and she was the natural candidate for the position. As managing editor, Mary has been a rock. She organizes the Journal and our numerous submissions, prepares our annual report, and pays careful attention to every submission's grammar, punctuation, and compliance. Under her guidance, the Journal now receives manuscripts nationwide and has a national presence. But Mary understands our roots, and made the Journal invaluable—it



Graphic designer **Marianne Migliori**, and managing editor **Mary Korr**, presented the first nine issues of the redesigned *Rhode Island Medical Journal* at RIMS Annual Banquet and Inauguration of Officers in September 2013.

is a local source for information. She expanded the heritage section, which offers lessons from history; a people and places section, which keeps us abreast of our colleagues successes; a news section which updates us on events in our region, and she acknowledges passages through obituaries, allowing us to pay final respects to the men and women who have helped define the practice of medicine in Rhode Island. RIMJ has published remarkable and important case studies, research, reviews, and images over the years, but the flavor and essence of the Journal belongs to Mary Korr.

The RIMJ is now in its 109th year of publication, and the Rhode Island Medical Society, our publisher, is celebrating its 214th birthday. The Journal is thriving, and we reach almost 70,000 viewers from around the globe. We receive manuscripts from all corners of the United States. We are a state medical journal with a regional and national presence. However, it is Mary and Ken Korr who have helped guide the Journal and who found a way to make it a uniquely Rhode Island publication. We will miss them and wish them all the best as they start their next chapter. ♦

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## A Heartfelt Farewell

MARY KORR

February is National Heart Month and in that theme, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to the publisher, the *Rhode Island Medical Society*, to graphic designer Marianne Migliori, and to the editors-in-chief, present and past, with whom I have worked with as managing editor of the *Rhode Island Medical Journal* (RIMJ) since 2013, when the Journal went "green" and became an online-only monthly publication.

My commitment to RIMJ during my tenure stems from a promise I made to Dr. Stan Aronson, its former editor-in-chief, and founding dean of Brown's medical school, during our final farewell —he passed away several months later. As Ken and I were leaving his home one evening, he beckoned me aside. "Promise me you will do all you can to keep the Journal going, for the medical students, to have their first work published."

"I will, Stan, I promise," I said.

He then pointed to Ken, a cardiologist, and placed his hand over his heart. "And promise me you'll take care of him."

And so it is in that spirit, and in this Heart Month, as RIMJ enters its 109th year, that I offer my heartfelt hopes that its legacy will endure. Let the beat go on for the present and future generations of healers to share their work. ♦

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Mary Korr, RIMJ Managing Editor (Jan. 2013–Feb. 2026)