By all accounts, our first ever Partners Asthma Center Dinner-Dance and Silent Auction was a success. We enjoyed ourselves and each other’s company, we raised money for our Asthma Center (exact amount still to be determined), and we spread the word about this important force for asthma care and education: Partners Asthma Center.

If you couldn’t make it, you missed: Asthma Center awards to Jean Zotter, Esq. and Neal-Dra Osgood of Boston Urban Asthma Coalition; recognition of Asthma Center patients Abby and Alex Leonardi, Kathryn Kalan, and Richard Wilson for their remarkable achievements in spite of their asthma; and dancing to the music of the Bo and Bill Winiker band.

BIG thank-yous go to our planning committee, including Mark Anderson, Elaine Carter, Jackie Rodriguez-Louis, and volunteers Judith Botting, Emilia Fusco, and Jose Portuondo. And thanks to all who contributed money in support of the evening’s gala. We will put the funds to good use in strengthening and growing our unique Asthma Center collaboration.

From left to right: Neal-Dra Osgood, Chris Fanta, Albert Sheffer, and Jean Zotter.
Miss Asthma Grand Rounds? No Problem: Catch It On-Line at www.asthma.partners.org

Beginning with Dr. Kelan Tantisira’s lecture on “Obesity and Asthma” at Asthma Grand Rounds in June, 2005, our Asthma Grand Rounds lectures are being made available on-line at our Partners Asthma Center website, www.asthma.partners.org. You can also catch Dr. Michael Wechsler’s Asthma Grand Rounds talk on “Churg-Strauss Syndrome -- An Update” there as well.

The on-line version features continuous video of the speaker and synchronized display of the lecture slides. It can be paused, advanced, and replayed as you wish. And it can be accessed from any computer with Internet connection.
Other Partners Asthma Center Events and News

**Asthma Grand Rounds**

**November 18, 8:30 a.m.**

*Asthma Outcomes: Choosing the Right Measures*

**Dr. Anne Fuhlbrigge**

Location: BWH Bornstein Family Amphitheater
Videoconferencing: MGH (Lawrence House)
NSMC (MAC-4, Davenport)

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**Congratulations!**

… to *Robert Tarpy, M.D.* and *Karen Lahive, M.D.* for hosting the *Becoming an Asthma Educator* course at Faulkner Hospital on June 25; and

… to *Dennis Beer, M.D.* and *Inna Vernovsky, M.D.* for an encore performance of the same course at Newton-Wellesley Hospital on September 17.

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**Welcome Aboard**

Partners Asthma Center welcomes to its ranks *Mariana Castells, M.D.*, allergist at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Her special area of interest is drug desensitization, including aspirin desensitization in aspirin-sensitive asthma.
Save the Date:

Jeffrey M. Drazen, M.D. Visiting Professor Dinner
(with Visiting Professor Regis McFadden, M.D.)

Thursday, December 8
Downtown Harvard Club, Boston

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