

# PVARF NEWS

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## A Message From The Executive Director

I am pleased to introduce this inaugural issue of *PVARF News*. We've committed to a quarterly e-newsletter with the following information represented in every issue:

- A Feature Story
- Human Resource updates
- Administrative updates
- New projects awarded
- Important dates/announcements

Each issue of the newsletter will be delivered to you as an email attachment. Of course, you also can access the newsletter directly through our website, located at [www.pvarf.org](http://www.pvarf.org).

We have recently added to our core staff to help administer our grant & clinical trial growth.

### The PVARF Administrative staff is:

Linda Ganzini- President - ext. 56492

Shelley Cobb- Executive Director - ext. 55228

Mandy Dailey- Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable - ext. 55228

Marcia Hinsvark- Human Resources - ext. 54119

Mary Hatt- Administrative/Accounting Assistant - ext. 53236

If you haven't met Mandy, Marcia, Mary or myself, please stop by our offices and introduce yourself! Please refer to our website for contact information as well as for many of our forms and updated grant information.

PVARF looks forward to continued growth in our grants and clinical studies and to supporting our members toward their research goals.

We are very excited about offering this quarterly e-newsletter to you. We hope it proves to be a useful communication tool and provides valuable and timely information in the ever changing Research world! We consider this e-newsletter a work in progress and welcome your ongoing suggestions and comments.

*Enjoy.*

Shelley, PVARF Executive Director

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## ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

- PVARF's fiscal year end is **December 31, 2014**. Just a reminder to please submit ALL: **Check reimbursement Requests, Purchase orders, Packing slips** to Mandy in our PVARF office, mail code R&D, within the first two weeks of January 2015. Thank you!
- Coming Soon ClinCards! We will be transitioning our subject payments to a prepaid credit card. Look for more information soon.

## WHATS HAPPENING

### OUTREACH FOR DONATIONS

You can help the Portland VA Research Foundation Earn Donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card. Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to PVARF (NPO #91903). Then, every time you shop & use your Rewards Card, you are helping PVARF earn a donation. You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates, just as you do today! For more information, visit - [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards)

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### THE PVARF WEBSITE

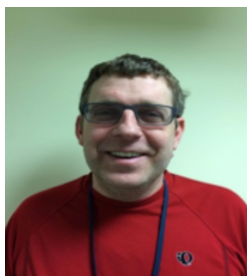
Check out our website at [www.pvarf.org](http://www.pvarf.org) we would love to hear from you.

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### THE PVARF BROCHURE

PVARF has a new brochure that contains general information about who we are, what we do and who to contact. Contact our office if you would like copies.

## FEATURED RESEARCHER



**Jason Taylor, MD, PhD** is a Staff Physician and Researcher at the Portland VA Medical Center and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology at Oregon Health and Science University. He is also the Associate Director of The Hemophilia Center at OHSU. Dr. Taylor received his MD and PhD from the University of California at Irvine and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Minnesota before completing his fellowship in Oncology at the University of Washington.

Dr. Taylor's laboratory has two major research focuses. 1) Hemophilia: he is exploring the association of this bleeding disorder with osteoporosis, the causes and impact for the development of an immune reaction to therapeutic factor infusions, as well as the use of novel agents in the treatment of this disease. 2) Fanconi anemia: his laboratory is studying alteration of the immune system in this hereditary bone marrow disease.

Dr. Taylor's research programs are funded through research grants from international pharmaceutical companies and the Fanconi Anemia Research foundation. His research uses both cell culture techniques and mouse models with the aim of translating his findings to improve the lives and well-being of individuals with these diseases.

## HR CORNER

### Coming Soon! E-Pay Statements

Access your pay statements and update your address or W2 right from your computer or smart phone. The Foundation will soon be transitioning to an interactive payroll platform which will allow employees to do these things and more at their convenience. Please look for instructions soon!!

### Bike Commuter Expense Reimbursement

Did you know that if you commute to work at least three times a week you may qualify for reimbursement of related bicycle expenses of up to \$240 per year? Please see the Bicycle Commuter Policy on our website or contact Marcia at 54119 for more information.

### YEAR END INFORMATION AND ALERTS:

- **ADDRESSES & EMAIL-** With year-end rapidly approaching please remember to provide HR with your updated address or other personal information. (email, phone numbers)
- **ANNUAL LEAVE-** Another year-end topic is the rolling over of annual leave from the current year. Remember, you may only roll over 100 hours of annual leave from one year to the next, so if you have hours in excess of 100 you may want to consider taking some time off before year-end to avoid losing those hours.
- **2015 PAYROLL SCHEDULE-** Look for the new payroll schedule soon. It will be sent to you via email and will also be available on our website.

At PVARF we always are open for suggestions. If there are specific issues that you would like to see addressed please contact either Marcia Hinsvark @ 54119 or Shelley Cobb @54659.

***Your feedback and input is very much appreciated.***

## NEW GRANT RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

PVARF is pleased to offer principle investigators and study coordinators online access to both the **Foundation Directory Online** and **The CenterWatch Monthly** through the National Association of Veterans' Research and Education Foundations (NAVREF) website. This access also will include links to several federal agencies, which can support VA-approved research and education.

**The Foundation Directory Online** is a service that provides an unsurpassed level of comprehensive and accurate information on U.S. private foundations and their grants. Links are available to foundation websites, IRS filings and philanthropy news. The database is accessed online.

**The CenterWatch Monthly** has been a premiere industry resource for more than 20 years providing in-depth, authoritative business coverage for the clinical trials community. Readers get competitive intelligence on grant opportunities and new drug therapies—all in one comprehensive publication featuring original *CenterWatch* data and analysis.

Please contact our office for login information.