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Dear Heppy,

We write on behalf of all members of the Renal Pathology Society to wish you a happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and to express the overwhelming gratitude of all renal pathologists for your unparalleled contributions to not only kidney pathology and kidney pathologists, but also to the care of patients with kidney disease. By acclamation, all of the Renal Pathology Society Members at the Business Meeting held at the 2020 USCAP Meeting this year enthusiastically agreed to send this letter of appreciation on this momentous occasion. At the end of this letter are comments from Renal Pathology Society Presidents, many of whom were influenced directly by you and all of whom have benefited from your impact on our discipline.

All renal pathologists are inspired by your remarkable accomplishments. Those of us who are fortunate to know you personally have been enriched by your special personality and mentoring, and myriad interesting stories. *Heptinstall's Pathology of the Kidney* exemplifies the immense impact you have on our discipline and on renal pathologists. Everyone who was fortunate to learn from the early editions of *Heptinstall's* that were written primarily by you, benefited tremendously from your unique integration of clinical and pathologic insights, manifesting so well in the Heppy Principle: "so far as any conclusions are drawn as to the mechanisms of human disease, the evidence derived from man should at least be considered." Fred Silva recalls that he once told you that half of what he learned about kidney pathology came from reading *Heptinstall's Pathology of the Kidney* and you responded, "Good God man...only half!" Countless generations of nephropathologists and nephrologists throughout the world share Fred's sentiment about the impact of this peerless book on their careers.

Your influence and impact extend far beyond your landmark book. Your own research and peer reviewed scholarship, your mentoring of trainees and other faculty, and your leadership in not only nephropathology but also nephrology has been wide-reaching and impactful. Your election as President of the American Society of Nephrology demonstrated that not only nephropathologists but also nephrologists recognized and benefited from your remarkable knowledge and leadership. The collegial and constructive relationship that exists between the ASN and RPS today was undoubtedly fostered by the respect of nephrologists for you.

Great books are said to be like great men; a very few make a great difference. You have the distinction of being both a great man and the creator of a great book, thus doubling the great difference you have made in the world.

Heppy, you have been instrumental in the establishment of our field of renal pathology. All the members of the Renal Pathology Society thank you for your achievements and their impact on us. We will continue to recognize your seminal accomplishments each time the Renal Pathology Society awards the Robert H. Heptinstall Lifetime Achievement Award. There is no more fitting namesake.

With respect and love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob".

Bob Colvin  
RPS President 1998

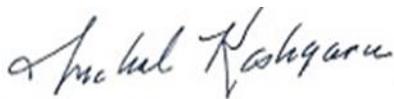
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles".

Charles Jennette  
RPS President 2004  
1<sup>st</sup> RPS Secretary 1993

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fred".

Fred Silva  
RPS President 1995

*Happy Birthday Heppy. Thanks for nearly 40 years of friendship and science*



Michael Kashgarian, RPS President 1994

*Thank you for all your support and best wishes always.*



Fred Silva, RPS President 1995

*Your wisdom and wit will always be my muse. Happy Birthday! Vivette*

Vivette D'Agati, RPS President 1996



Arthur Cohen, RPS President 1997

*Heppy, Thank you for your support, wisdom and stories, most of all your friendship. Happy Centennial Birthday!*



Robert Colvin, RPS President 1998

*Happy Birthday!!! Seymour*

Seymour Rosen, 1999

*Happy Birthday, Heppy! You remain quite the inspiration for us all,  
Charlie*

Charles Alpers, RPS President 2000

Melvin Schwartz, RPS President 2001



Agnes Fogo, RPS President 2002

*Thank you for leading the way for renal pathologists. Best wishes, Cindy*  
Cynthia Nast, RPS President 2003

*In countless ways that you never knew, you have greatly influenced my career as a medical student, resident and faculty member. I sincerely thank you and wish you a happy birthday.*



Charles Jennette, RPS President 2004

*As a friend, former trainee, and junior colleague, I wish you a happy 100th birthday. I have especially enjoyed our visits over the last several years- I have enjoyed your wit, your memories of events and characters that have shaped renal pathology, and your many anecdotes about life during World War II, the post-war, your family and beyond, and especially politics and our friend Trump!. And of course the cookies and tea that Caroline has kindly provided!*

*Best wishes, Lorraine*

Lorraine Racusen, RPS President 2005

*Happy Birthday from The Netherlands. Warm regards, Jan Bruijn*

Jan Bruijn, RPS President 2006

*Greatest impact on renal path, Steve*

Stephen Bonsib, RPS President 2007

*Thank you for all your support and best wishes always, Mark*

Mark Haas, RPS President 2008

*Thank you for sharing your vision and wisdom. Best wishes, Surya*

Surya Seshan, RPS President 2009

*Happy Birthday. You continue to inspire all of us, Maria*

Maria Picken, RPS President 2010

*Happy Birthday! Terry*

Terry Cook, RPS President 2011

Guillermo Herrera, RPS President 2012

*Thanks for inspiring generations of Pathologists. Best wishes, Volker*

Volker Nিকেleit, RPS President 2013



Helen Liapis, RPS President 2014

Glen Markowitz, RPS President 2015

Ian Roberts, RPS President 2016



Anthony Chang, RPS President 2017



James Pullman, RPS President 2018

*Thank you for your support and teaching. Happy Birthday, Laura*

Laura Barisoni, RPS President 2019



Michael Mengel, RPS President 2020

For all Members of the Renal Pathology Society!