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Her hobbies include golfing, reading, traveling and spending time with her family including her son and 5 grandchildren.

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**Student-to-Student Pearl:** We need more of these! If you have advice for fellow students, please submit to CHM.AcademicAffairs@hc.msu.edu and we will publish as many as possible in our Monday Monthly newsletters.

**Patient Care Pearl:** November is National Diabetes Month. It is estimated that 29 million persons in the United States have diabetes, but that 8 million are not aware of it. The National Diabetes Education Program, jointly sponsored by the NIH and the CDC, provides tools and resources for patients, physicians, health care practices, and communities. That information can be found at: http://ndep.nih.gov/.

**New Curriculum Update:** Traditional medical schools have used a one-size-fits-all approach to educating students, at least through the first three years. But each student enters medical school with a different background and life experience, as well as different interests. As a result, students are rarely given time to develop their strengths in addition to addressing their learning needs.

One strategy to address this problem is the Personal Learning Plan (PLP). Already a part of some residency programs, the PLP is a contract a student creates with the aid of a faculty mentor that identifies learning needs and strengths and strategies to address those needs and build on talents and interests. In the Shared Discovery curriculum students will use PLP’s to tailor their curriculum toward their individual needs and goals. Not only will this provide students with a more fulfilling medical school experience, it will help them develop the skills of self-assessment and self-directed learning that will be essential to successful careers in medicine.

Don’t forget that there is a New Curriculum website you can visit: go to http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/.