

#GettingToKnowDOS—Dr. Nicole Gibran

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minutes,” then 6 hours later there I am, still at my computer. The coolest thing I’ve discovered so far is that Eleanor of Aquitaine is my 26th great grandmother—along with 2.5 million other people. My son says that if I pay them enough money they will tell me I am a direct descendent of Jesus Christ.

Synopsis: Speaking of genealogy, you’re related to the poet and writer, Kahlil Gibran, right?

Gibran: Yes, that’s right. He was a cousin to my grand parents and my father’s godfather. My mother, at the age of 83, has just spent the last 2 years working on a biography of him, which is now at the publisher.

Synopsis: What is your next travel destination?

Gibran: I’m planning to go to Cornwall soon. One of the things I discovered while researching my family’s genealogy is that my mother’s family was from Cornwall, they lived there for centuries. I would really like to take my mother there.



Dr. Nicole Gibran and family at Lake Louise

“Coldest experience I have ever had in my life.”

Dr. Frank Isik, Alexander, Oliver, Dr. Nicole Gibran

Synopsis: What is your personal motto?

Gibran: My burn team members all anticipate that if I am in a good mood I will call them skallywags. Many people don’t know that it was a pirate’s term of endearment.

Synopsis: What is one of your guilty pleasures?

Gibran: That’s easy, spending hours on www.ancestry.com. Or any of the other DNA sites. I actually sent a swab off to one of those sites. I was very impressed to learn how many relatives I have on both sides in Australia.

Synopsis: Do you have a goal for the coming year?

Gibran: I have embarked on an enormous project with my burn team to transform the way we deliver burn care. It’s so exciting. We had a burn center retreat recently with 45 people at all levels, pharmacists, nutritionists, bedside staff, and we also brought



Dr. Gibran at the 2016 Burn Center Retreat

patients. It was really energizing hearing the voice of the patient; it was such a powerful experience. We brainstormed what we wanted to accomplish with the burn center and it all came back to standardization of care, improved communication and eliminating toxic variation. We have established 5 work groups to develop a comprehensive adherence map for implementation in April. This would be a sort of checklist on steroids to standardize resuscitation, wound management, mobil-ity, etc. Hopefully, it will be the basis of a PCORI grant application.

Save the Dates

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Friday, March 3, 2017

7:00a.m.–2:30p.m., UW Tower Auditorium

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY 23RD ANNUAL

HELEN AND JOHN SCHILLING LECTURE

Friday, March 3, 2017

3:00p.m.–4:00p.m., UW Tower Auditorium

Speaker: Dr. Diana L. Farmer

Chair and Pearl Stamps Stewart Professor

Department of Surgery

University of California, Davis

Surgeon-in-Chief

UC Davis Children’s Hospital

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