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New Faces Join the Waterbury Hospital Leadership Team



As part of the ongoing effort to secure Waterbury Hospital's future as a leading provider of health care services across the region, three new executives have been engaged. The new senior-level leaders are Chief Operating Officer **John K. Evans**; Chief Financial Officer **Charles R. Thorne**; and Chief Information Officer **Michael J. Cemeno**. They have all been contracted for the immediate future, according to President and Chief Executive Officer **Stephen R. Lavery**, adding that each of them will help enormously in the hospital's efforts to meet its overall goals.

"We are fortunate to have such experienced and capable people joining us," Lavery said. "I look forward to working with them as we continue to make Waterbury Hospital a center for excellence in providing the very best care to patients."

Evans is a highly experienced health care executive from Vermont who will be analyzing key areas where the hospital needs to improve performance and implementing steps to ensure progress. Thorne is also a highly experienced health care executive who specializes in financial management and has experience with the investment banking process in the health care industry. He and **Kelvin Kreho** will oversee all financial operations.

Cemeno has many years of experience in hospital information systems, including the past eight years as Associate Chief Information Officer for Yale-New Haven Health System. He will be responsible for maintaining and improving the hospital's information system, including the ongoing Cerner implementation.

Clockwise from top left: Chief Operating Officer **John K. Evans**, Chief Information Officer **Michael J. Cemeno** and Chief Financial Officer **Charles R. Thorne**.

Employees "Meet and Greet" the New CEO

Darlene Stromstad to become next top executive in July



More than 200 Waterbury Hospital employees and physicians showed up at the hospital's Bizzozero Conference Room on April 21 to shake hands and chat with **Darlene Stromstad**, who is set to become the hospital's next President and CEO on July 1. Stromstad, who has spent the past six years as President and CEO of Goodall Hospital in Sanford, Maine, spent two hours getting to know staff members from a wide range of hospital services and departments. After a thorough search, the hospital's Board

of Trustees selected Stromstad in March to succeed interim President and CEO **Stephen Lavery**, who has been the hospital's top executive since the beginning of January. Lavery filled the vacancy left by former President and CEO **John Tobin**, who retired last year after nearly a quarter-century in the position. Above left, Stromstad shares a laugh with members of the Radiology Department and, above right, Stromstad poses with members of the hospital's Infectious Disease staff. 🏥

Golden!

2011 Award Winners Recognized at Ceremony

Six Waterbury Hospital employees were recognized for their records of service, teamwork and dependability during the 2011 Golden Attitude Awards ceremony May 12 in the Bizzozero Conference Room.

The winners of this year's Golden Attitude Awards were given official certificates of recognition in front of an enthusiastic crowd of employees, family and friends and other well-wishers.

The awards are handed out every year to employees who consistently go above and beyond in exhibiting professionalism, cheerfulness and dedication in the course of their daily responsibilities.

The winners were all nominated for the awards by their peers and co-workers, and they were selected by a committee made up of hospital employees.

During the ceremony, the recipients were praised for their positive attitudes by hospital Chief Operating Officer **John Evans** and Chief Fund Development Officer **Thomas Missett**, who presided over the ceremony with a moving slide show that included humorous limericks and photos of



The recipients of the 2011 Golden Attitude Awards are:

front row, left to right:

Silvana Orsini
Environmental Services

Monica Stokes
Information Services

Delfina Mancini
Dietary

back row, left to right:

Christie Good
Patient Throughput

Rachel Wyllie
Department of Surgery

Eydie Sirica
Primary Care

the recipients as children. Afterward, recipients celebrated their awards with fellow employees, friends and family members at a reception in the conference room.

"You do the hospital proud," Missett told the recipients. "Thank you for making the work day brighter for all of us." 🤝

Education Fair for Employees

The Waterbury Hospital Education/Organizational Development Department and the Human Resources Department will be hosting an Education School Fair on:

June 23
from 11:30 am - 4 pm
in the
Bizzozero Conference
Room

Representatives from numerous surrounding colleges and universities will present information on entry level, baccalaureate, and graduate level degree programs for anyone interested in furthering their education. Also, a representative from the Human Resources Department will be available to answer any questions about the hospital's Tuition Reimbursement Programs. Don't forget to mark your calendars! 🤝



Waterbury Hospital Nurse Wins Benchmark Award

Kevin Jimenez, RN, a nurse in Waterbury Hospital's Surgical Intensive Care Unit, has been awarded the Benchmark in Nursing Award by the Village at East Farms in Waterbury. The prestigious award is handed out annually to nurses who make a profound difference in the lives of geriatric patients.

Jimenez was chosen among numerous other candidates because of the glowing praise he received from his peers in the SICU, who frequently witness the dedication he brings to improving the lives of his patients on a daily basis, said **Elizabeth Longmore, RN**, Director of Critical Care and Emergency Services.

"We are extremely proud of Kevin and the impact he clearly makes on his patients," she said. "This is a well-deserved honor."

Jimenez was recognized at a ceremony April 27 at the Village at East Farms, a senior housing community that works closely with health care providers across the region to provide high quality health services for seniors. 🤝

TGIF is Hot, Hot, Hot!

More than 400 people filled the Villa Rosa (Ponte Club) banquet hall in Waterbury on Friday, April 15, for Waterbury Hospital's annual TGIF (Thank God I'm Female) women's wellness forum. The event, now more than 20 years old, is always a popular draw for women interested in ways to improve their health while spending an evening wining and dining with friends and colleagues.

The theme of this year's event was "You thought you were HOT at 20, FLASH forward to MENOPAUSE!," which was highlighted in a highly engaging and informative presentation by Waterbury Hospital OBGYNs **Marcia Tejada, MD**, and **John Lewis, MD**, from the Center for Women's Health in Connecticut. The doctors spoke about the challenges and symptoms associated with menopause and how best to overcome them.

The event, which raised \$18,500 to support a state-of-the-art communication system on patient floors at Waterbury Hospital, was emceed by WTNH TV personality **Teresa LaBarbera**. Guests also took advantage of a photo booth set up near the entrance. 📷



Above, from left: **John Lewis, MD**; **Teresa LaBarbera**, WTNH TV; **Marcia Tejada, MD**; and **Barbara Donorfio**, practice manager for Center for Women's Health in Connecticut



Middle, from left: **Marcia Tejada, MD**; **Barbara Donorfio**, practice manager for Center for Women's Health in Connecticut; TGIF planning committee member **Maura Tobin**; and **Donna Johnson**, community relations liaison, Diagnostic Radiology Associates



A group of guests at the TGIF event enjoy themselves in the photo booth set up near the banquet hall entrance.

Stroke Center at Waterbury Hospital Receives Gold Performance Award, State Recertification

The Primary Stroke Center at Waterbury Hospital has been awarded the Gold Performance Achievement Award from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association for consistently meeting the highest standards of stroke treatment and prevention over the last two years.

The Gold Performance Award was fittingly given to Waterbury Hospital in May, which is National Stroke Awareness Month, said **Steven Eisen, MD**, Medical Director of the Primary Stroke Center.

"We are very pleased to be recognized in this way, especially at a time when we are trying to call attention to the importance of being on the lookout for stroke and its symptoms," Dr. Eisen said. "Stroke is a very serious health issue, which is why we are proud to provide a full range of prevention and treatment services."

The hospital's stroke program was certified two years ago by the Connecticut Department of Public Health as a Primary Stroke Center, and it recently received recertification confirming it as a place where patients can be sure they will receive the most advanced, highest quality stroke care available.

The Gold Performance Award is given to hospital stroke programs that meet strict stroke care guidelines for 24 consecutive months. The hospital's Primary Stroke Center had previously received Bronze and Silver Performance Awards for meeting those guidelines over the course of six and 12 consecutive months, respectively.

The Stroke Center team is made up of Emergency Department physicians, hospital-affiliated neurologists, registered nurses, hospitalist physicians, speech language pathologists, physical and occupational therapists, nutritionists, pharmacists, and case managers. The team is overseen by Dr. Eisen and Stroke Center Coordinator **Devon Bandouveres, RN**.

Every year in the U.S. approximately 795,000 people suffer a stroke, which is the cause of death for one out of every 18 deaths. 📷





ICU GATHERING OF REMEMBRANCE

Waterbury Hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU) held its second annual Gathering of Remembrance on April 10 as a way to honor those who passed away in the ICU over the last year. The memorial gathering took place in the hospital's Bizzozero Conference Room, where ICU staff shared memories and condolences with family members and loved ones of those who were lost. Flowers were placed in a vase in memory of loved ones as the names of those who passed away were read aloud and displayed on the conference room screen. Pictured here are members of the hospital staff who helped organize the gathering as a tribute to their patients: front row, from left: **Anthony Cusano, MD**; **Angela Rubbo, RN**; **Elizabeth Longmore, RN**; back row from left: **Jo-anne Cosgriff, MD**; **Ginny Pelletier, CIA**; and **Kevin Jimenez, RN**. 🌸

Boguslawski, right, with Emergency Department Chairman, **Chris Michos, MD**.

He's in OUR Corner!



Mike "Bogey" Boguslawski Comes to Waterbury Hospital

Mike "Bogey" Boguslawski, who became a well-known figure in Connecticut as a consumer advocate reporter for Channel 8 in New Haven during the 1980s and 90s, has been singing the hospital's praises since coming to the hospital's Emergency Department last month.

"I can't tell you how wonderful everyone treated me!" raved Boguslawski, who continues to broadcast a national radio show from his home in Florida and is also a consumer representative for Positive Energy Electricity Supply in Middlebury. Many in Connecticut remember him for his trademark sign-off: "I'm Mike Boguslawski, and I'm in your corner!"

"I'm in Waterbury Hospital's corner now, let me tell you," Boguslawski said after being treated in the ED and radiology department. "Everyone is so professional and caring. I'm telling everyone that when it comes to receiving the absolute best care, you've got to go to Waterbury Hospital." 🌸

ON THE MOVE



Deb Terino, RT, BGS, has been named Waterbury Hospital's new Director of Ambulatory Services. Under her new role, Deb will be responsible for overseeing and managing ambulatory services in the gastroenterology department, outpatient testing, EEG, sleep lab, outpatient medical therapy and the main laboratory. Deb has been an employee at the hospital since 1989, most recently serving as Assistant Director of Outpatient Testing and Neurodiagnostic Services.



Rachel Lovins, MD, who is Director of the Hospitalist Department at Waterbury Hospital, is one of 50 hospitalist physicians across the country to be named a Senior Fellow in Hospitalist Medicine by the Society of Hospitalist Medicine. Dr. Lovins will be inducted into the Society's 2011 Class of Senior Fellows at the Society's annual meeting in Dallas in May.



Denise Doucette, RN, has been named Waterbury Hospital's new Director of Case Management. Denise comes to the hospital from Health Net in Shelton, where she worked as Director of Case Management. She is also an Adjunct Professor in nursing at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield.



Kimberly Simone is interning in the Department of Public Relations and Marketing. Kimberly recently graduated from Quinnipiac University, where she majored in marketing.

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