



Insight

MEMORIES & REFLECTIONS

By G. Richard Garman

Executive Director Emeritus, Wayne Memorial Health Foundation

MY DEAR FRIENDS,
The amount of sunlight is diminishing each day now and in a few short weeks the seasons will once again change—fall will give way to winter. And so it is with this writer. I, too, am changing and sharing with you, our loyal and generous readers, my plans to retire. Lisa Champeau, the Hospital's Public Relations Manager, and her colleagues suggested I impart a few reflections and memories of my past 44 years as a member of the Wayne Memorial family. It has been a privilege to serve in many different capacities, including Chief Executive Officer from 1994-2001. There have been many notable moments—at times moving, at times comic, surprising, mysterious, insightful—but one thing is certain: I have been blessed many times over.

My journey here began in November of 1973, when I was appointed Chief Financial Officer—called a “Controller” at that time. There had already been two additions to the 1951 hospital structure, but all the departments were still in one building at Park and West Streets. Our Business Office, which employed eight people, shared first floor space near what is the current ambulance entryway with Administration and Medical Records. My first office was the former hospital morgue. Home sweet home! The new morgue had been relocated to the basement, and it was a bit more plush: it actually had a beautiful shower (for whom I asked?).

The hospital environment in my early days reflected the small town that housed it. The night-shift switchboard operator posted hospital charges by hand to paper files, since there was no computerization, and answered all sorts

of questions. Because the operator could see the local movie theatre marquee (where Turkey Hill is today) from her office, people called and asked her what was playing. One of the operators also performed double duty as the Hospital's security officer. She didn't carry a gun, but it was rumored she had “something special” in her desk drawer to deal with intruders or anyone who got out of order.

As is true today, not everyone who needed care had the wherewithal to pay for it. Equally true, Wayne Memorial had many generous staffers and friends to help. A Business Office employee, Olga nicknamed “Oggie,” told me the large cash box on her desk was “for Blue Cross coverage for some of the people who can't afford their premiums.” Oggie then explained that then-Board Chair Edward Freeman provided cash from time to time to be submitted with the Hospital's payment to Blue Cross for indigent people from the community who could not afford the insurance. These funds came out of his own pockets so that if these people did get ill and came to the Hospital, the Hospital would be paid by Blue Cross. Oggie's husband, a local businessman named George initiated the Honesdale Lion's Club Bonanza Banquet—still a big event today—for the sole support of Wayne Memorial Hospital.

Former Chief of Staff Dr. Harry Propst was also known to offer discreet help to patients. Sometime in 2003 his son, Peter, at that time a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors, came to my office with a shoebox held together by rubber bands. Inside, I discovered hundreds of uncashed checks made out to Dr. Harry Propst from patients he had treated over the years. You see, he knew those checks came from people who were raising a family or perhaps having difficulty with a family-owned business or health issues





or other challenges. Rather than rejecting their payment, he accepted their checks but never cashed them, allowing the patients to maintain their dignity.

Hospital employees over the years have also had a great team spirit. One time, Sandy Rowe's talk of fresh strawberry picking led to a homemade strawberry ice cream extravaganza in the hospital kitchen. Sandy, who today works in Chemotherapy, Liza Hiller (then Liza Holbert), Jill Freer, Harold and Mary Parrish and Norma Thornton and her husband Lavern (Gov), joined in the fun. The ice cream was shared all 'round and took three days to finish! One of the consequences was that the following evening, Liza had a severe gallbladder attack which caused Dr. Harry Propst to come in during the middle of the night for emergency surgery. Dr. Propst enjoyed the ice cream as much as everyone else but his comments about coming back in the middle of the night will not be written here.

The Hospital has had a number of unforgettable characters who insisted upon feeding their fellow employees. Bill Juice, who headed up the Respiratory Therapy Department, and Kuo Chang, who managed the Laboratory Department, frequently brought in their fishing catches to be prepared in the hospital kitchen by Mrs. Coon's staff. The OR staff had their own private parties, for example steaming clams in the OR's Autoclave. Dr. Propst would bring turtles in from his pond in Beach Lake for the cook to make homemade Turtle Soup. Dr. Propst was returning a favor. The Hospital's kitchen scraps went to his farm to feed his pigs. None of this would happen today, folks!

Oh yes, quite a few things were different back then! During the hospital's first Employee Recognition Awards Dinner, the CEO received a call from Nursing Supervisor Cinda Tietjen that a passing motorist had reported a patient on the roof of the portico of the hospital's main entrance—dancing in the nude. Thankfully that turn of events did not result in any injuries—or arrests—or a visit from the Department of Health. Yes, things have changed. I will let you, the readers, decide what changes are for the better or worse.

Throughout much of the 1970's and '80's, there was a growing influx of patients that pointed to a great need for nursing home beds in the area. The Hospital had already added intermediate care and skilled nursing care beds, but it remained difficult to accommodate the need. This situation led to the building of

Wayne Woodlands Manor, our skilled nursing facility in Waymart, in the early 1990's. That endeavor was a marvelous cooperative experience between the Wayne County Commissioners, Hospital administrators and our Board of Directors. In return for the county guarantee of the bonds needed to build the home, the Hospital committed that at least 80% of the patient population of Wayne Woodlands Manor would be eligible to be admitted under the PA State Medicaid program. To this day, the vast majority of residents at Wayne Woodlands Manor are PA Medicaid eligible residents. I am not certain that there are many community hospitals and/or local county governments that work that closely together, as occurs routinely in Wayne County.

Perhaps it is too much of a generality to say that hospital CEOs are particularly conservative about finances—both the hospital's and their own. When Hospital CEO Rich Moore's wife decided their children needed piano lessons, Rich found a used piano and enlisted the help of a few of us to move it. The piano was on Riverside Drive in Honesdale, (if you live in Honesdale you know how steep and precarious the stone steps are from houses down to the street). Using a borrowed pickup truck, Walter Kline, manager of the Physical Therapy Department, Wes Perry, manager of the Purchasing Department, Rich Moore and 'yours truly' carefully moved this huge piano across several narrow and very bowed boards, down the embankment and into his pickup truck. I thought for sure we all were going to die. But the worst was actually yet to come. When we arrived at the Moore home on Hillside Drive, we discovered the only way to get the piano in the house was to remove the basement Bilco door, steps and interior door. Then, using ropes, we lowered the piano into the basement level of the home. I am 100% certain that when the Moore family moved to Ohio at the conclusion of Rich's tenure, the piano stayed behind.

Speaking of helping fellow employees, my experience with Evelyn Yunko, dietitian and head of the Food Service Department back in the day still makes me smile. Perhaps you'll smile, too. Evelyn had a heart of gold! Not only did she hire people with physical or mental challenges who had difficulty finding employment, she often purchased them clothing to ensure they were clean and presentable for work at our hospital. At the end of her life, Evelyn was at Wayne Woodlands Manor and saw few visitors. Most of her family had moved away. During the holidays one year, when I was visiting Evelyn, I asked the nursing supervisor if Evelyn needed anything. She proceeded to give me a list, and I

got a little more than I bargained for! The list included several pairs of slacks and tops (size and colors included) and a few bras. Upon arrival at the store, I was able to pick out tops and slacks pretty quickly. But, feeling a bit out of my comfort zone with the lingerie, I approached two sales clerks and showed them the list. The two ladies chatted and quickly became embroiled in a heated dialogue over whether Evelyn needed padded or unpadded bras. Being permanently scarred following this encounter, I have not volunteered to do any Christmas shopping since then. Tables turn as they say—Evelyn helped many, and hopefully she was helped at the end.

When I was appointed CEO, after serving as interim CEO, I remember board members, particularly then-chairman Tom Shepstone, telling me I might want to improve my relations with some on the physician staff. One of them was Dr. Sternburg of Highland Physicians, an office responsible for about 67% of hospital admissions. Approximately two years ago, I had the privilege of visiting with Dr. Sternburg and his wife, Kathryn, to interview them and write an article for Insight on their life experiences as well as their professional careers and family life in Honesdale. Their fascinating life story was a joy to write and a hit with our readers.

Lessons learned? Bear in mind that a CEO's primary responsibilities have always been related to finance...but way back in 1994, during a meeting with Dr. Propst, Board Chair Martha Sader and board member Dr. James Gay, Dr. Gay gave me these words of advice "forget about the money, focus on the patients and the employees." In short, focus on people.

That advice came back to me when, in May of 2012, I received a telephone call from a representative of the Honesdale National Bank's Trust Department, advising me that one of the Hospital's retirees had made a gift of 400 shares of Honesdale National Bank stock at a value of \$132,000. When I contacted the bank representative and inquired about the motivation for the gift, she offered to speak with their client. Several days later I received a return telephone call from a representative of the Trust Department to learn the gift of stock was the result of the gratefulness of the employee who received a card from the Foundation on each one of their birthdays. A simple act of kindness from one person to another. It goes a long way.

Thank you all for the memories!

S'long Marion & Hello Mike at Wayne Woodlands!

"IT'S BEEN A remarkable journey here at Wayne Woodlands Manor," said Marion Swencki, RN, NHA. "I loved my job every day!" After 23 years as administrator of the Waymart nursing home, Marion retired in August. More than 75 people turned out to celebrate her legacy at an open house in July. Michael Freund, BSW, NHA, assistant administrator at the nursing home facility since 2015, officially replaced Marion.



Photo group left to right: Long-Term Board Chair James Labar; Linda Harding-Buchmann, Long-Term Care board member; Mike Freund, Marion Swencki, and WMHS CEO David Hoff.



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11TH ANNUAL

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AUGUST 14, 2017
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New Executive Director of Wayne Memorial Health Foundation

THE ADMINISTRATION AND Board of Trustees of Wayne Memorial Health System (WMHS) are pleased to announce that John "Jack" Dennis has been promoted to the position of Executive Director of the Wayne Memorial Health Foundation.

"I am honored to have been selected," stated Dennis. "With the support and guidance of WMHS' team of Senior Management, who have been my mentors throughout this process, and with the leadership and approval of the membership of the Wayne Memorial Health Foundation, I look forward to a smooth and effective transition from Rich Garman's remarkable and productive career."

During his 18 years of service to Wayne Memorial Hospital (WMH), Dennis' roles and responsibilities have expanded to include Grants Coordinator; Special Projects Manager; Manager of Grants & Development for both WMH and Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC); and most recently, Manager of Grants, Development and Veterans Outreach for those same entities.

Among numerous professional achievements, Dennis is credited with securing over \$14 million in grant funds for expansion and sustainability of healthcare services offered by WMH and WMCHC. These include acquiring the designation for a Federally Qualified Health Center, expansion of WMH's Emergency Department, radiology PACS system upgrades and the development of the Rural Telehealth Network of NEPA.

"To say that Jack has been instrumental in the growth of Wayne Memorial Health System and Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers is an understatement," said WMHS CEO David Hoff. "Without his extraordinary skills and acumen, Wayne Memorial would not be what it is today. We are very pleased that he has agreed to take on the Foundation position."

Dennis received a Master of Science degree in organizational management from Misericordia University in Dallas, PA. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in engineering management from Fairleigh-Dickinson University's College of Engineering, Teaneck, NJ. He also completed a fellowship in PA RULE—Pennsylvania Rural Leadership Program at Penn State University, University Park, PA. Last year, the Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health presented Dennis with its Community Rural Health Leader of the Year award. Dennis is also a veteran of the US Air Force. He currently resides in Milford, PA. He is married, the father of four children and grandfather to three.



Photo: John "Jack" Dennis, executive director, Wayne Memorial Health Foundation.

Cardiac Cath Lab First Anniversary

A CELEBRATION OF the first full year of services at the Wayne Memorial Heart & Vascular Center was held on June 29th. The event brought together more than 150 people, most of them former patients, to mark a very heart-warming first anniversary. Some patients brought gifts for the staff. Many said "thank you! You saved my life!" to Medical Director Raymond Resnick, MD. Since the cardiac catheterization lab opened in June of 2016, more than 350 patients have been treated. Approximately 10% were in the throes of a heart attack when they arrived.

"When we opened we believed many people in the greater Wayne County area would welcome critical heart services, such as catheterization, close to home," said Dr. Resnick. "What we didn't realize was how much it was needed."

The Heart & Vascular Center offers cardiac catheterizations, percutaneous coronary interventions (angioplasty and stenting), defibrillator and pacemaker placement and more. Cardiologist Matthew Kuber, MD, FACC and interventional cardiologist Samir Pancholy, MD, FACC, FSCAI also offer cardiology procedures in the lab.

"We hope to continue making progress in our Center," said Dr. Resnick, "and to offer patients a full spectrum of cardiac care."

Photo: Artwork of a tree flourishing with leaves—some which symbolize patients treated during the first year of the Heart & Vascular Center—was signed by attendees during the anniversary event. The image will be displayed in the hallway of the Cath Lab. It is looked upon as "Hope" for patients suffering from heart disease and to let them know they are not alone in the process.



Mobile Mammography Offered at Four Sites

WOMEN THROUGHOUT WAYNE County and the Greater Carbondale Region now have increased access to life-saving breast cancer screenings, thanks to a "big pink van" housing a digital mammography system. The mobile mammography program is available at Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers' family health centers in Hamlin, Lake Como, Vandling and Carbondale. Wayne Memorial officials say the program was initiated to address a community need.

"Wayne Memorial offers digital mammography at the hospital in Honesdale and at our Lords Valley office in Pike County, but many women in other parts of our service area such as northern Wayne are not always able to get to those facilities," said Wayne Memorial CEO David Hoff. "Higher rates of breast cancer are often seen in areas where screenings are not easily accessible. Early detection saves lives."

The mobile mammography program received funding from the Wayne Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, the AllOne Foundation and the USDA's Distance Learning & Telemedicine program. "This project would not have happened without them," said Mr. Hoff.

The van is staffed by mammography technologists from Wayne Memorial Hospital, whose mammography program is certified by the American College of Radiology. Wayne Memorial performs close to 5,000 mammograms each year.

Patients with a prescription from their provider may call Wayne Memorial's Central Scheduling Department at (570) 251-6689 to request an appointment in the mobile unit at one of four Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers' locations.



CATSKILL PHEASANTRY
SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

Men's Division
Ron Collins: 81 (missed 3rd bird)
Andrew Pokowicz: 81 (missed 2nd bird)
Robin Busshaus: 80

Women's Division
Clea Chang: 60
Sidney Krompasky: 56
Molly Rodgers: 53

Youth Division
Zachary Malcom: 59
Sidney Krompasky: 56
Bradley Bennett: 45

Team
1 Jack Henderson; Roy Rohel, Ron Collins, Jason Maciejewski, Rich Henderson. SCORE: 384

2 Stephen Pokowicz, Andrew Pokowicz, Conor Carle, Joe Havranek, John Simek. SCORE: 374

3 Dave Prout, Ralph Leber, Fred Leber, Chet Layou, Barry Fitzsimmons. SCORE: 344

4 Gerard Cuffe, Scott Palmer, Chris Palmer, Clea Chang. SCORE: 329

5 Joe Stark, Scott Trevorow, Anthony Fortunato, Tom Gesuale. SCORE: 324

6 Jared Miller, Bob Kerestes, Robin Busshaus, Patrick O'Neill, Paul Tryger. SCORE: 317

7 Kent Hobby, Barbara Cuffe, Jonathan Chang, Alan Macilbain, Jim Donovan, Robert Greenly. SCORE: 309

8 Ryan Wilson, Rich Caridi, Harry Doerr, John Isaacson. SCORE: 304 (high gun 67)

9 Rick Cosgrove, John Beardsley, Don Bansley, Dave Gelatt, Bob Walsh. SCORE: 304 (high gun 63)

10 Dwayne Manning, Gary Enslin, Andy Krompasky, Zachary Malcom, Sidney Krompasky. SCORE: 296



Wayne Memorial Hospital
Makes Way for Expansion

“ABOUT FIVE YEARS ago, there was an idea...” so began the speech of Wayne Memorial Hospital/Health System Board Chairman Dirk Mumford at the historic groundbreaking for Wayne Memorial Hospital’s largest expansion ever. In about 18–20 months, a new 85,000 square foot tower housing 50 private patient rooms will stand where Mumford and close to 200 others celebrated on September 8th. Chief of Staff William Dewar III, MD, who also spoke during the ceremony, noted the many patient benefits of the expansion, which also entails renovating 45,000 square feet of current space—including more private areas in Chemotherapy and Radiology, better wayfinding and noise reduction.

John Conte, director Facility Services & Real Estate, echoed Dr. Dewar, adding that challenges going forward—especially with parking—will be worth it. Conte oversaw the construction of 100 new parking spaces last year to make way for the expansion which carries a price tag of \$35 million in building costs and an additional \$5 million for equipment upgrades. With construction now underway, the hospital has asked patients and visitors to park across the street for their own safety. A security station has been erected at the edge of what is now the patient parking lot. Security Guards are stationed at opposite sides of the street to assist patients while crossing. Wheelchairs are also on hand.

“I guarantee once the project is complete, you will love the new spacious inpatient accommodations and other significant existing facility improvements,” said David Hoff, CEO, Wayne Memorial Health System, while addressing the audience at the groundbreaking. “We are very excited about this project!”

Group photo, left to right: WMHS Board member Wendell Hunt; Susan Mancuso, WMHS Board secretary; James Pettinato, WMH director Patient Care Services; Jonathan Fritz, PA State Representative (R -111); Milt Roegner, chair WMH Foundation; Dr. Dewar; John Conte; Lee Oakes, former WMHS Board chair; David Hoff; Dirk Mumford; Hugh Rechner, Board 1st vice chair; WMHS Board member Joe Harcum; Wayne County Commissioner Brian Smith; Community Advisory Board Chair Martha Wilson; Wayne County Commissioner Joseph Adams; Community Advisory Board member Juliann Doyle; WMHS Board member Matt Meagher; Wayne County Commissioner Wendell Kay.



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Stourbridge Outpatient Rehab Relocated

WAYNE MEMORIAL REHABILITATION

Services (WMRS), which offers physical, occupational and speech therapy, moved to 190 Delaware Street, across from Bold's Florist on Willow Avenue in Honesdale. WMRS also operates a rehabilitation services site at the Route 6 Mall, and that will remain where it is.

WMRS/Stourbridge is now known as WMRS/Delaware Street. The new space, approximately 4,700 square feet, is slightly larger than the previous one, which was on the second floor at the Stourbridge Complex at 600 Maple Avenue. The new location is on the ground floor.

"We're very pleased that our new site offers convenient access for all our patients, including those in wheelchairs," says Terri Henderson, OT, manager of WMRS.

To contact the staff, use the same telephone number as in the past, 570- 253-7325.

Photo: Some staffers of WMRS/Delaware are shown at the new facility.

Wayne Memorial, a Non-Profit That Pays Taxes

AS WAYNE MEMORIAL Hospital moves forward with expanding its property, hospital officials assure the public that the non-profit will continue to pay school and property taxes for much of the real estate it owns. The hospital and its Foundation together pay close to \$160,000 in school and property taxes to Wayne and Pike County tax collectors annually. While not required to pay those taxes, hospital administrators say Wayne Memorial benefits from tax-supported services and feels an ethical obligation to "be a good citizen."

"We utilize the Honesdale police force and other Wayne and Pike County services," said WMH CEO David Hoff. "We also have employees whose children go to our public schools and benefit from the education provided. Further, we benefit tremendously from an educated workforce. Traditionally, the hospital's Board of Trustees has chosen to contribute to the upkeep of those services and the stability of the community in part by paying property taxes, which makes us very different from most not-for-profit organizations."

Over the past decade, the hospital has grown considerably and purchased a number of homes and businesses around its main campus in Honesdale, as well as other properties in Waymart, Hamlin, Lords Valley, Tafton and Lake Como. While the hospital does not pay property taxes on its primary footprint at 601 Park Street, it does pay property taxes on assessed values of the other properties it owns.

Wayne Memorial Health System, Inc. (WMHS) also operates a for-profit subsidiary of its Foundation called Wayne Health Services (WHS). Wayne Health owns the Stourbridge Mall on Maple Avenue and a number of properties around the hospital. Between fall of last year and spring of this year, WHS paid an additional \$127,129 to Wayne County.

New Physicians Welcomed

WAYNE MEMORIAL COMMUNITY Health Centers recently added three new physicians to its roster of providers—two general surgeons and a pediatrician have been recruited to help serve the needs of the Centers' patients.



LISA MEDVETZ, MD, FACS, Board Certified Surgeon, Honesdale Surgical Associates: Dr. Medvetz earned her Medical Doctorate from Jefferson Medical College and completed her residency in general surgery at Temple University Hospital, both located in Philadelphia, PA. She also completed a Fellowship in Trauma/Surgical Critical Care at Cooper Hospital/University Medical Center, Camden, NJ and an Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery Fellowship at Beth Israel Medical Center, NY. In addition to holding positions as a staff surgeon in hospitals located in southeastern Pennsylvania, Dr. Medvetz has also served as the Director of Bariatric Surgery at Bingham Memorial Hospital, Blackfoot, ID and a staff Bariatric and Breast Surgeon at Lourdes Medical Associates, Willingboro, NJ.



TRUPTI PANDIT, MD, FAAP, Board Certified Pediatrician, Honesdale Family Health Center: Dr. Pandit completed her pediatric residency at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, Chicago, IL. She is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and holds memberships in both the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Neurology. She earned her medical degree from B.J. Medical College in Pune, India. Dr. Pandit also has extensive experience in pediatric neurology having recently completed one year of a fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Dr. Pandit treats children from newborn up to age 18. She is fluent in both English and Spanish.



SEAN YUAN, MD, FACS, Board Certified Surgeon, Honesdale Surgical Associates: Dr. Yuan earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from Beijing Medical University. He completed his residency in General Surgery at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital, Darby, PA. Additionally, he completed fellowship training in Minimally Invasive Surgery at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center in Richmond, VA. Dr. Yuan's employment history includes general and bariatric surgery at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital and Pottstown Memorial Medical Center, Pottstown, PA.



CHC Marks 10 Years

WAYNE MEMORIAL COMMUNITY Health Centers (WMCHC) was formed as a Federally Qualified Health Center in 2007 to fulfill the mission of serving the community as a whole with a specific focus on under-served populations. With the passage of 10 years, the organization has seen significant growth. However, its mission still holds true. What started as an entity with four offices and 23 employees has grown into a progressive multi-specialty group with 15 sites and over 300 employees. WMCHC offers primary care, women's health, dental, and behavioral health as well as specialties including surgery, cardiology, pulmonary & sleep medicine and neurology across eight communities.

"Over the past decade, we've expanded not only our service area, but also the range of specialty care we offer," stated Frederick Jackson, executive director, WMCHC. "Had it not been for the vision of our Board of Directors and commitment by our dedicated staff none of this would have been possible."

To mark the milestone, WMCHC employees and their families enjoyed a barbecue at the Waymart Hotel Pavilion compliments of WMCHC's Board of Directors and Administrative Team.

Top photo: Frederick Jackson, executive director, WMCHC



