



# Insight



## Second Century Hits Minimum Goal

*You Can Donate Online*

**L**ESS THAN ONE year after the Wayne Memorial Health Foundation officially announced its Second Century Fund drive, the campaign has met its minimum goal of \$3 million. Honesdale National Bank was one of several large donors who helped push the needle into the win zone. Bank executives officially pledged \$250,000 with a ceremonial check presentation on October 9th at Lukan's Farm Resort (photo). The check represented the inaugural donation from the bank's brand new Honesdale National Bank Charitable Foundation.

"Honesdale National Bank has been very generous to Wayne Memorial throughout its history," said Wayne Memorial CEO David Hoff, "and we are grateful." Hoff pointed out that the campaign, which was

kicked off last March at the Auxiliary's Mistletoe Ball, also garnered sizeable pledges from two other local banks, Wayne Bank and The Dime Bank earlier this year.

Named in honor of Wayne Memorial's centennial in 2020, the fund is a drive to raise monies to staff and equip the hospital's new patient tower for the future. The tower, an 85,000 square foot building housing 50 private patient rooms, was funded separately and opened earlier this year. The Second Century's four main goals are to recruit healthcare professionals; to purchase state-of-the-art medical equipment; to implement future medical treatment modalities; and to acquire advanced informational technologies.

While the Fund has met its minimum goal, the

campaign committee hopes to garner more donations between now and the drive's anticipated end in September of 2020. That's when the hospital will mark its centennial with a celebration in Honesdale's Central Park. Other festivities include a re-dedication of the hospital to all veterans Memorial Day weekend, 2020. The hospital was originally dedicated to soldiers from Wayne County who lost their lives in World War I. It was later officially dedicated to all those from both Wayne and Pike Counties who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country in all conflicts. Next year, the hospital will be once again re-dedicated, this time to all who have served from throughout our service area.

Donations can be made online. Visit [wmh.org/second-century-fund](http://wmh.org/second-century-fund) to make your donation today!

*Photo, cover, front row, left to right: Charlie Curtin, VP, HNB Trust Officer, Foundation Advisory Committee;*

*David E. Raven, HNB President & CEO; David L. Hoff, Chief Executive Officer, Wayne Memorial Hospital/Health System; Mark Graziadio, Foundation Advisory Committee. Back Row (L to R): Elizabeth C. Nagy, VP, HNB Chief Marketing and Digital Officer, Foundation Advisory Committee; Kurt I. Propst, HNB Board Member; John P. Burlein, HNB Board Vice Chairman; Michael W. Cavage, HNB Board Member; Nancy Propst, Chair, Wayne Memorial Health Foundation Board of Trustees; William Schweighofer, HNB Chairman of the Board; Jack Dennis, Executive Director, Wayne Memorial Health Foundation/ Grants & Development; Paul M. Meagher, HNB Board Member; Brian Wilken, AVP, HNB Business Development and Second Century Fund Committee Member; Roger L. Dirlam, HNB Board Member. Not Pictured: Alfred D. Beck, HNB Board Member; Robert C. Grimm, HNB Board Member.*



## *Auxiliary Mistletoe Ball Toasts the Second Century!*

### **Centennial & Roaring Twenties Theme**

**W**AYNE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL saw its birth in 1920, the beginning of a heady decade—flappers in short skirts, the Jazz Age, the Charleston, the cake walk and great wealth (until the stock market crash of '29). The Wayne Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is kicking off the hospital's centennial with a "Roaring Twenties" theme at its annual Mistletoe Ball on January 18, 2020 at Silver Birches in Tafton. The event will benefit the hospital's Second Century Fund. Monies will go towards physician recruitment, state-of-the-art medical equipment and the latest in informational technology. Break out your knickers and Gatsby bangles and buy a ticket! They're \$85 per person. Call Joan Buehl at (570) 226-9750.

*Photo Mistletoe Committee, l. to r.: Michelle Corrigan, Jeanne Gieckel, Melissa Rickard, Tina Hoehn, June Frantz, Barbara Pratt, Marianne McConeghy, Joan Buehl. Missing: Rosemarie Corigliano, Gary Mesko, Nancy Moro, Marie Peck and Stephanie Wood.*





**THE NEW CHAIRMAN** of the Board of Trustees for Wayne Memorial Hospital and Health System brings a diversity of skills and experiences to his new post. Hugh Rechner is an attorney, a former banking professional, a pilot and a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Vietnam War and earned both a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. He and his wife Carol, longtime Honesdale residents, are the parents of three, grandparents of seven and great-grandparents of six.

Elected by the Hospital/Health System Board after his predecessor, Dirk Mumford, termed out, Rechner said “it is an honor to be at the helm of this excellent organization, and I look forward to working with my fellow board members and the administration in the best interests of our patients and community.”

Born in Yugoslavia during World War II, Rechner, who is of German descent, and his family spent time in refugee camps before emigrating to the United States in 1949. The family ultimately settled on a farm in Fortenia Heights, just outside Honesdale. After graduating from Honesdale High School, Rechner joined the U.S. Army where he trained to be a helicopter pilot. After 20 years in the service, during which time he served two tours of duty in Vietnam and earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Nebraska and a Master’s in Business Administration from the University of Colorado, Rechner retired—for the first time! He then joined Honesdale National Bank, where he served as a Vice President and Trust Officer for 10 years—and retired again.

“Looking for more excitement,” as Mr. Rechner puts it, he decided that the practice of law was his real life’s avocation. In 1994, at the age of 51, he started law school at Temple University. He graduated cum laude in June 1997. Rechner Law welcomed Hugh’s daughter Christine Rechner as a partner in 2003.

Rechner is no stranger to the services of Wayne Memorial Health System. He served as a director and Chairman of the Board of Wayne Woodlands Manor, the System’s long-term care home in Waymart where his mother also resided for many years. For the past five years, Rechner has been First Vice Chair of Wayne Memorial Hospital/Health System.

“Wayne Memorial is thrilled to have Hugh Rechner continue to serve us and the community,” said Wayne Memorial CEO David Hoff. “His extensive background in banking and the law, not to mention serving our country, is impressive. We’re privileged to have him!”

With Rechner’s ascent, 2nd Vice Chair Joann Hudak moves into the 1st vice chair position, followed by attorney Matt Meagher as 2nd vice chair. Wendell Hunt continues as secretary and Frank Borelli continues as treasurer.

The officers were installed October 30th.

*Photo, left to right: Matthew Meagher; Joann Hudak; Hugh Rechner; William Dewar III, MD, Wayne Memorial Chief of Staff; Wendell Hunt and Frank Borelli.*



## Wayne Memorial Thanks Outgoing Chair

**DURING HIS TENURE** as Chairman of the Board of Wayne Memorial Hospital & Health System, Dirk Mumford oversaw multiple milestones, including the hospital’s biggest expansion in its history: the construction of the new private-room patient tower. Mumford served as chair from 2014-2019 and first vice chair from 2010-2014. He joined the board as a trustee in 2007. “It’s been a privilege to serve,” said Mumford at his last official meeting on October 30th, “and an honor.” Mumford, who resides in Lake Como in northern Wayne County, was given a plaque and a special pen and box made of spalted maple. On the box was engraved what the Administration called a “Dirk-ism,” the quote “Grateful you were not a hard dog to get out from under the porch!” It gave Mumford a chuckle. He enjoys wood carving and is originally from the Eastern Shore of Maryland. “We are seriously grateful, though,” said Wayne Memorial CEO David Hoff, “to you Dirk, for your years of service.”

ps: Mumford had his own joke. he gave CEO Hoff an “Employee of the Month” plaque because Hoff often complained—in jest—that no one ever nominated him for the honor. Good laughter all around!

*Photo: Dirk Mumford, left, with WMH CEO David Hoff.*

## CONTRIBUTIONS

July 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019

Wayne Memorial Health Foundation accepts tax-deductible gifts throughout the year from individuals, corporations, organizations and foundations for the benefit of the Wayne Memorial Health System, Wayne Memorial Hospital and Wayne Memorial Long-Term Care.

Contributions from a generous and caring community are vital to sustaining well trained personnel and modern equipment and facilities. Memorials and gifts in honor of a family member or friend, and gifts recognizing an anniversary or other occasion, are ideal ways to express love, respect and honor for those special people in our lives. Such gifts also demonstrate your spirit of community. You are invited to direct your questions about special occasion gifts and other contributions to Jack Dennis, Executive Director, Wayne Memorial Health Foundation, at (570) 251-6533.

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# Dunsinger is New CFO for Wayne Memorial Hospital/Health System



**AFTER MORE THAN** two decades of steadily increasing duties in Wayne Memorial Hospital's Business Office, Patricia Dunsinger this year assumed the department's top position: Chief Financial Officer. She was appointed shortly after Mike Clifford retired from the CFO position after more than 40 years at Wayne Memorial.

"Mike was a great person to work for!" said Dunsinger. "He was a wonderful mentor who allowed me to grow through the organization and continually challenged me with increasing responsibilities."

"I am honored to manage an experienced staff of professionals in the Business Office and to be responsible for much of the business activity of Wayne Memorial Hospital and Health System," Dunsinger continued.

"I am committed to keeping the health system as viably strong financially as it has been throughout most of its nearly-100-year history."

In addition to the hospital, Wayne Memorial Health System includes Wayne Woodlands Manor, a skilled nursing facility in Waymart and Wayne Memorial Health Foundation.

Dunsinger served as Chief Accountant for Wayne Memorial before her promotion. In addition to the Chief Accountant role, for eight years, from 2007 - 2015, she served a dual role as the contracted CFO for Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC). A federally qualified health center, WMCHC is an independent clinical affiliate of Wayne Memorial Health System. Dunsinger helped oversee the growth of WMCHC from its inception in 2007, when it counted only a handful of offices and employees. WMCHC now officially operates more than a dozen primary care, women's health, behavioral health, dental and specialty offices in four counties with 90 practitioners and nearly 350 employees.

"Patty has shown herself to be a dedicated manager with a sharp eye for details," said WMH CEO David Hoff. "Her business acumen has served us well and we look forward to working with her for years to come."

Dunsinger is well known in the area. She grew up in Honesdale, graduated from Honesdale High School and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting at King's College in Wilkes Barre. Prior to coming to Wayne Memorial Dunsinger worked in public accounting where she focused on healthcare, governmental and non-profit auditing.

Dunsinger and her husband Jonathan reside in Honesdale and have two daughters. Patty's volunteer work includes serving as Treasurer of the Wayne County Public Library and on Honesdale High School's Occupational Advisory and Participatory Planning Committee for vocational education programs.





## *WEDCO Names WMH 2019 Innovator of the Year*

“**WAYNE MEMORIAL IS** a community-controlled hospital,” said Lewis Critelli, CEO of Wayne Bank and President of the Wayne Economic Development Corporation (WEDCO), “and the strength of the hospital reflects the strength of the community.”

Critelli spoke at a luncheon at Settler’s Inn in Hawley on November 22nd honoring Wayne Memorial as WEDCO’s 2019 Innovator of the Year. The hospital was chosen for the many recent innovative strides it has made, most impressively with the erection and opening this year of a new five-story, 85,000 square foot patient tower housing 50 private rooms and “smart technology.”

Equally impressive, however, wrote WEDCO Executive Director Mary Beth Wood in the program, was Wayne Memorial’s participation in the Rural Health Model—“not as visible as brick and mortar additions or leading-edge technology, but equally important. Pennsylvania is leading the nation with this innovative approach to sustaining rural health systems.”

WMH is one of five hospitals who joined the Rural Health Model this year; more hospitals are expected to come on board in January. Under the Model, major payers including four private insurers, plus Medicare and Medicaid, are paying participating hospitals a fixed amount annually instead of when a covered service is rendered. The initiative was designed to help stabilize rural hospitals, which are failing at a rapid rate. WMH is not among those, CEO David Hoff pointed out, “We have cash on hand and a stability we’re told many of them envy. Nonetheless, our board and administration thought joining the Rural Health Model was the right thing to do because it also focuses on keeping people healthy and out of the hospital.”

Wayne Memorial was commended for its stability and its economic “ripple” effect on Wayne County.

“To understand the impact Wayne Memorial Hospital has on Wayne County, we simply need to ask ourselves what would the County look like if the hospital wasn’t here,” said Wood. “Wayne Memorial is the county’s largest private employer and its leadership enables our region to benefit from a top-rated rural health system.”

The guest speaker for the luncheon was Frank Segarra, CEO of Connexicore in Milford/Pike County. ConnexiCore specializes in aerial drone data collection, image and video analytics, drone telepresence, and aerial mapping for industry.

*Photo, left to right: Frank Segarra, ConnexiCore; WMH Director Patient Care Services James Pettinato; WMH CEO David Hoff; WEDCO President Lewis Critelli; Dirk Mumford, former WMH/WMHS Board chair; current WMH/WMHS Board Chair Hugh Rechner; and WMH Director of Finance Patty Dunsinger.*



Another great outing for the Wayne Memorial Health Foundation! A total of 144 shooters signed up for this year's event, held again at Catskill Pheasantry in Long Eddy, New York. Close to \$27,000 was raised for the Second Century Fund. Thanks to all who participated! See you next year!

## WINNERS

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- 1ST** Cam Grossman  
**2ND** Ethan Podunajec

### Women

- 1ST** Jamie Sennett  
**2ND** Marian Knapp

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- 1ST** Jamie Sennett  
**2ND** Marian Knapp

### Teams

#### 1ST

Jack Henderson,  
Richard Henderson, Ron Collins,  
Jason Maciejewski,  
John Beardsley

#### 2ND

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Matt George, Russ George,  
Zack Melling

#### 3RD

Scott Palmer, Chris Palmer,  
Ray Cassidy, Pete Shultz,  
Jonathan Chang

#### 4TH

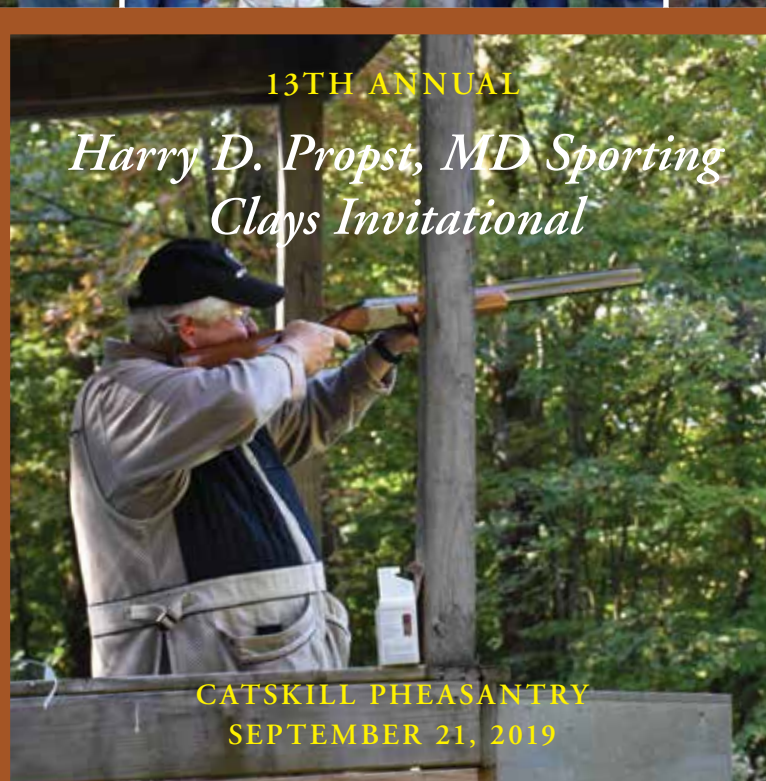
Matt Fritz, Dave Malti,  
Scott Price, Cam Grossman,  
Todd Williams

#### 5TH

Dave Prout, Myron Marcinek,  
Pat O'Boyle, Joe Emelt,  
Mark Solonick











## *National Rural Health Day*

**A day to be proud of the work WMH does to serve the community**

**O**N THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, the Wayne County Commissioners proclaimed National Rural Health Day throughout the county. The Wayne Memorial family—Wayne Memorial Hospital, Wayne Memorial Health Foundation, Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers and Wayne Woodlands Manor Long-Term Care—was commended for its growth and financial stability. Together, the Wayne Memorial entities employ between 1,000–1,300 individuals. Wayne Memorial Hospital is the largest private employer in Wayne County.

In turn, Wayne Memorial administrators thanked the county commissioners for their support, most recently helping to underwrite bonds to build the hospital's new private-room patient tower.

An estimated 57 million people—nearly one in five Americans—live in rural and frontier communities throughout the United States. “The hospitals and providers serving these rural communities not only provide quality patient care, but they also help keep good jobs in rural America,” said Teryl Eisenger, CEO of the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH).

The commissioners and the NOSORH also say this is a day to call attention to the unique healthcare needs of rural communities such as accessibility issues, a shortage of healthcare providers and the needs of both an aging population and the under-and-uninsured. Wayne Memorial, working to address these needs on an ongoing basis, joined the Rural Health Model this year whose intent is to “keep people healthy and out of the hospital.”

Wayne Memorial can't do it without its staff at the hospital, Wayne Memorial Health Foundation, CHC and Wayne Woodlands, without its committed board members, Auxiliary and volunteers.

*Photo, seated l. to r.: Hugh Rechner, WMH/WMHS Board Chair; David Hoff, CEO; Jim Pettinato, RN, Director Patient Care Services; Lisa Champeau, PR manager. Standing, l. to r.: Brian Smith, Wayne County commissioner (WCC); Kim Rickard, WC Community Network Specialist; Wendell Kay, WCC; Joseph Adams, WCC.*





## Wayne Memorial CT Staff Earns Gold Seal

**W**AYNE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL'S Imaging Department has received the American College of Radiology's full three-year accreditation in Computed Tomography or CT. The CT team underwent a rigorous review to meet testing criteria in clinical image quality, phantom image quality (a specially designed image to evaluate and tune the imaging device) and radiation dose limits for children and adults. In addition to image quality, the criteria included personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures and quality assurance programs.

"Our team did an outstanding job preparing for this accreditation, but it is fair to say that our patients have been benefiting from their expertise for a long time," said James Hockenbury, director Ancillary Services. "Now our patients can also be assured that our CT staff is meeting the industry standard for excellence—the American College of Radiology's 'Gold Seal.'"

Wayne Memorial's Imaging Services Department performs approximately 13,500 CT scans annually. Also known as Computerized Axial Tomography (or CAT scan), CT equipment produces cross-sectional images—sometimes called "slices"—using X-rays and a computer to discern changes in the object being scanned. Wayne Memorial utilizes the Aquilion PRIME from Toshiba, which is capable of producing 80 images or "slices" per rotation. According to Imaging Services Manager Rob Brzuchalski, CRA, RT, RDMS, the Aquilion provides "faster exams at the lowest doses of radiation that are reasonably achievable while producing high-quality images for precise diagnoses."

Examples of some typical CT procedures include abdominal injuries, spinal injuries and stroke workup.

*Photo, left to right: Doug Buchinski, CT technologist; Charles Barax, MD, Medical Director Imaging Services Department; Michelle Murray, CT technologist; Robert Brzuchalski, CRA, RT, RDMS, manager Imaging Services Department.*

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Mary M. Foster  
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## *WMH Welcomes Hematology and Oncology Associates of NEPA*

**WAYNE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** and Hematology and Oncology Associates of Northeastern Pennsylvania, PC, are now partners providing care to Wayne Memorial's patients at the hospital, just a few months after its Infusion/Chemotherapy unit was renovated as a modern suite offering private and semi-private treatment areas.

"This is a coming home of sorts," said Wayne Memorial CEO David Hoff, "as the same group provided services with us more than a decade ago. We welcome back their expertise and care. Hematology-Oncology Associates is a well-established practice, as is Wayne Memorial's Infusion/Chemotherapy unit. We anticipate stability and continued success for our patients moving forward. We hope that our community will use these high quality professional and hospital services in Honesdale. Wayne Memorial is committed to providing needed hematology and oncology services to our patients"

Launched in 1971, the Dunmore-based Hematology and Oncology Associates offers a team of seven board-certified physicians familiar with the latest technology and treatments available. Hematology and Oncology Associates is recognized by the American Society of Clinical Oncology's Quality Oncology Practice Initiative, which provides a three-year accreditation to assure the group has met the highest-quality standards for cancer care.

The group's physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants diagnose and treat blood diseases such as anemia and platelet disorders, along with cancer of the colon, lungs, bladder, breast, liver and other organs.

If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with a hematological or oncological condition, and you wish to be seen at Wayne Memorial Hospital, please call (570) 253-8398. Wayne Memorial's staff will be happy to advise you or make an appointment. For more information about the hematology-oncology physician staff, please visit. [www.cancercarenepa.com](http://www.cancercarenepa.com). To find out more about the hospital, visit [www.wmh.org](http://www.wmh.org).

*Photo, left to right: Wayne Memorial Hospital (WMH) CEO David Hoff; Eileen Maloney, CRNP, Hematology and Oncology Associates; Amber Sobuto, DO, Hematology and Oncology Associates; Michele Churney, BSN, MSN, RN, manager WMH Outpatient Services; Marianne O'Brien, RN, BSN, OCN, clinical coordinator WMH Infusion Clinic.*





## WMH Cardiac Rehabilitation Program Re-Certified

**I**T'S THE ONLY peer review accreditation process of its kind, and once again Wayne Memorial Hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation Program passed with "flying colors," according to its manager Nadine Greco, MS. The American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR) awarded the three-year recertification of the unit after Greco and her team provided extensive documentation of their practices. The Cardiac Rehab Program, which is recommended for many patients following a cardiac event, entails 36 sessions of education and monitored exercise to help patients improve their overall health and avoid further cardiac issues. Heart disease is still the number one cause of death in the U.S. according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

*Photo, left to right: Ann Marie Didato, RN; Nadine Greco, MS; Diane Shelp, cardiac rehab patient. Back, cardiac rehab patients William Marshall (left) and Walter Tait.*

## Cath Lab Re-Accredited

**T**HE HEART & Vascular Center at Wayne Memorial Hospital, also known as a cardiac catheterization laboratory, has once again successfully completed a rigorous process for re-accreditation. The PCI program received the accreditation seal of approval from Corazon, a national leader in cardiovascular specialty services and an accrediting agency for the Pennsylvania Department of Health. PCI, or percutaneous coronary intervention (formerly known as angioplasty with stent) is a procedure that uses a catheter (a thin flexible tube) to open up blood vessels in the heart narrowed by plaque buildup. The condition, known as atherosclerosis, can be life threatening. Since it was launched in 2016, Wayne Memorial's Heart & Vascular Center has treated more than 1,000 patients.

In addition to PCI procedures, Wayne Memorial offers peripheral vascular procedures (diagnostic & interventional), defibrillator & pacemaker placement, Holter monitoring, stress testing (exercise and pharmacologic), echocardiography, transesophageal echocardiography, nuclear cardiac scanning, implantation of heart monitoring devices and general cardiology services. Wayne Memorial also offers a Cardiac Rehabilitation program for patients who have undergone a cardiac event.

The Medical Director of the Heart & Vascular Center is Sabu George, MD, FACC a board-certified interventional cardiologist. Dr. George works out of the Honesdale Cardiology office at 507 High Street with board-certified

cardiologist Nicholas Brodyn, DO, FACC, FCCP, FACP, FSCCT and Jennifer Arnold, MHS, PA-C.

*Photo, left to right: Cassidy Cohen, cardiovascular technologist (CT); Frank Reid, RN, cardiovascular lab coordinator; Sandra Skrobiszewski RT(R), RCIS, lead cardiovascular care coordinator; Sabu George, MD, medical director Heart & Vascular Center; Robert Brzuchalski, CRA, RT, RDMS, manager Imaging Services; Kevin Kenney, CT; Tyler Collins, CT.*





# Wayne Memorial Welcomes New Providers

**THREE NEW CLINICIANS** have joined Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers, the hospital's independent affiliate: Kevin Le, MD; Stacy Comer, DO; and Kate Scully, CNM.



**KEVIN LE, MD'S arrival at Pinnacle Health** this past summer meant the practice was able to accept new patients on a regular basis for the first time in many years. Dr. Le joins Michael Peterson, DO and Candace Plociniak, FNP, at the Tafton-based office.

Dr. Le, who sees patients age 17 and older, completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He earned his Doctor of Medicine Degree at St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada in the West Indies. A native of Canada, Dr. Le, obtained a Bachelor of Medical Sciences degree with a specialization in Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Western Ontario.

"I saw this as a great opportunity to treat patients in need as well as grow as a physician," stated Dr. Le. "Furthermore, I was blown away with the way the Pinnacle practice was being run during my interview visit." An open house was held to welcome Dr. Le on September 19th.



**STACY COMER, DO, joined the Honesdale VA Outpatient Clinic** early this fall. The board-certified internist earned her Medical Degree from West Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Lewisburg, WV and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Rutgers University, Newark, NJ. Her military service spans over 11 years, beginning in the U.S. Army Reserves and ultimately leading to Active Duty in the U.S. Army. She completed her Internal Medicine Residency at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD and her internship at the Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Center, Fort Gordon, GA. Dr. Comer was stationed at the McDonald Army Health Center in Fort Eustis, VA, holding the position of Staff Internist for nearly three years. She was honorably discharged from the Medical Corps in 2018 having obtained the rank of Major.

During her military career, Dr. Comer had the privilege of being part of Continuing Promise 2015. She was stationed on the U.S. Naval Services Comfort, one of a few operational naval hospital ships which provides medical relief efforts to underserved countries, particularly those recovering from a recent natural disaster, war or political crisis.

"Geriatrics and underserved care are my passions in medicine," stated Dr. Comer. "I am also big on patient and family education," she added. "This particular position with Honesdale VA Outpatient Clinic seems an excellent fit given my military background and years of experience with outpatient medicine."

The Honesdale VA Outpatient Clinic has been offering eligible veterans access to a continuum of care including prevention, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up with reduced travel time since 2014. Phlebotomy, EKG, and an injection clinic are offered on site as well as treatment utilizing tele-mental health and tele-nutrition.



**KATE SCULLY, a Certified Nurse Midwife, has been at the Women's Health Center in Honesdale** since September. She also holds a Master's Degree in Public Health.

Scully was immersed in maternal health from a very young age with her mother having served as a La Leche League Leader (lactation support for new moms and their families) for 10 years. More significantly, at the age of eight, Scully was present for the birth of her youngest sibling which she describes as "a life-changing experience for me and definitely contributed to my eventual decision to go into midwifery."

After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, Scully joined the U.S. Peace Corps which brought her to East Africa as an HIV/AIDs Educator for over three years. She spent a great deal of time with pregnant women and their babies working alongside a Tanzanian midwife. Upon returning to the U.S. to complete her MPH from Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health in Atlanta, Georgia, Scully interned with the Centers for Disease Control. It was during this experience she interviewed a nurse midwife returning from an assignment in West Africa who trained at Yale University. "I think I applied to Yale's midwifery program the next day."

As a Certified Nurse Midwife with the Women's Health Center, Scully, provides prenatal care and facilitates births at the New Beginnings Birthing Suites of Wayne Memorial Hospital in Honesdale. Additionally, she offers postpartum care, annual gynecological exams, family planning and menopause counseling.





## Pike Dental Center to Expand

**N**EARLY 2,000 ADDITIONAL patients will be able to access treatment at the Pike Dental Center through a \$300,000 expansion grant from the Oral Health Infrastructure Grant Program of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC) administrators plan a 748 square foot expansion within the existing dental center located in Lords Valley, PA. The result, an increase from five to nine operatories at the facility, has the potential of generating between 8,500—9,000 additional dental visits per year—and there's no doubt they're needed!

"The Pike office opened only five years ago, but it remains a challenge to provide care as timely as we'd like," stated Frederick Jackson, executive director, WMCHC. "Wait times exceed four months for some services."

The Lords Valley office is currently staffed by Megan Martino, DMD and John Ridd, DMD. It's hoped that construction will begin in early 2020 with completion by the summer.

*Photo: Pike Dental Center Staff are shown with Frederick Jackson, executive director, WMCHC and Jack Dennis, executive director, Wayne Memorial Health Foundation, following the announcement of a \$300,000 HRSA grant for the facility. Pike Dental Center will expand from the current five to a total of nine patient operatories. Front row, left to right, Christine Karp; Michelle Ristaino, Megan Martino, DMD and Jackson. Back row: Dennis; Nichole Yannone, dental manager, WMCHC; Grace Shoemaker; Christina Collins and Holly Dottle.*



## Hamlin Expansion

**T**HE HAMLIN FAMILY Health Center, part of Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC), is about to get larger. An unused part of the building, roughly 5,000 square feet will be renovated to house the adult internal medicine practices of Charles Aronica, DO and Norina Manassy, PA-C, and Women's Health providers. According to WMCHC Executive Director Frederick Jackson, "the renovations will free up space on the current side of the building to add another fulltime physician and expand walk-in capabilities."

The Hamlin Center is located on Route 191 just south of Route 590. Dr. Aronica and Manassy work alongside Charles Kovalchick, DO, Derek Bowers, MD, Jeannette Parker, DNP, APRN, NP-C, Nicole Skalreski, PA-C and Daniel Harmuth, FNP-BC.

Work is expected to begin in the new year.

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## VA Clinic Increases Accessibility

**THE HONESDALE VA** Outpatient Clinic has undergone some exciting changes over the past few months! It's now offering increased appointment availability and accessibility, thanks in large part to the addition of a second physi-

cian. Stacy Comer, DO, joined the staff this fall and now works alongside Jeffrey Ryan, MD and Family Nurse Practitioner Katrina Maurer, FNP.

Dr. Comer is a board-certified Internist and a veteran of the U.S. Army and Army Reserves and is accepting new patients (more about Dr. Comer on page 9).

The clinic's office hours have been expanded to include evening appointments Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Additionally, Same Day Sick appointments have been built into each of the three providers' schedules. Staff say having these protocols in place helps provide healthcare to veterans on their schedules.

Honesdale VA Outpatient Clinic is also participating in VA Video Connect (VVC), a secure and private videoconferencing feature that allows the providers to conduct non-urgent office visits by using the camera on your phone, computer or tablet. More information about VCC, can be found by visiting [mobile.va.gov/appstore](http://mobile.va.gov/appstore).

Veterans looking to establish a patient relationship with a VA Care Team for primary care or women's health services in Honesdale may call 570-251-6543. The clinic is located in the Stourbridge Professional Complex, at 600 Maple Avenue, Suite 2, Honesdale.

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## Pearl Harbor Remembered

**MORE THAN TWO** dozen veterans, all three Wayne County commissioners and Wayne Memorial Hospital staff, many of them veterans, gathered in the hospital's new pedestrian concourse on December 6th to remember one of the darkest days in U.S. history, the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt called it "a date which will live in infamy." The surprise attack by the Japanese on December 7th, 1941, claimed more than 2,000 lives and marked the official entry of the U.S. into World War II. The ceremony, led by VFW Post 531 Commander Phil Sheehan, American Legion Post 254's James Bruck and Wayne Memorial Health Foundation Executive Director Jack Dennis included readings about the day of the attack and the playing of taps by bugler Doug Wyllie. In addition, the group said a somber prayer and laid a wreath at the hospital's memorial plaque dedicated to soldiers who lost their lives in World War I.

*Front row, l. to r.: Fran Sheehan, Joann Powll, Mary Priebe, Dave Glossenger, Richard Priebe, Phil Sheehan, James Bruck, Bill Malloy, Lisa Maharaj, Doug Wyllie. Back row: Frank Powll, Wayne County Commissioners Brian Smith, Wendell Kay and Joe Adams; Larry Zeller; Ken Cohen; John Jormzsk; Jack Dennis; Bethany Fine, Tina Bothun, WMH CEO David Hoff.*







## Midwifery Mingle Celebrates a Decade

**C**LOSE TO 100 people – moms, dads, grandmothers, sisters, children, Wayne Memorial Hospital and Wayne Memorial Community Health Center/ Women's Health staff—gathered on September 24th at The Cooperage in Honesdale to celebrate the 10th annual Midwifery Mingle.

The event featured catered refreshments, activities for children, raffle prizes and educational booths, along with a slideshow of years' past.

It was also a chance for folks to meet the newest midwife at the Women's Health Center, Kate Scully.

"Our practice has grown so much in this past year," said Patricia Konzman, CNM, who is marking 27 years in Wayne Memorial's Midwifery program. "We now have five OB/GYNs, a nurse practitioner as well as four midwives. We are all excited to have more of us available in our Honesdale, Carbondale, Hamlin, and Lords Valley offices."

The Mingle is co-sponsored by Wayne Memorial Hospital's maternity unit, New Beginnings Birthing Suites, which offers a comfortable and welcoming environment as well as the ability to respond to any childbirth situation, 24 hours a day.

Midwifery services include prenatal care, childbirth (including water births), gynecological exams, family planning, and menopause counseling.







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