

### <sup>2</sup> New Chair & New Member at Wayne Health Services Board



WHEN BOB SUHOSKY stepped down as Chair of the Wayne Health Services Board, Brendan Murray stepped up. Wayne Health Services is the for-profit subsidiary of the Wayne Memorial Health Foundation and oversees real estate holdings such as the Stourbridge Complex in Honesdale. Brendan was excited to take on his new task. "Growing up in Honesdale, I was always aware of the

big role played by Wayne Memorial Hospital in the community," he said, "so being a part of the Wayne Memorial family is special to me." A licensed funeral director, Brendan is the owner of Hessling Murray Funeral Home in Honesdale and the son of Rebecca and Edward Murray, DPM.

Brendan is a graduate of Honesdale High School and attended the University of Pittsburgh. He completed studies at the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science in 2003. In addition to Wayne Health Services, Brendan is a past president of the Honesdale Area Jaycees, a board member of the Wayne Highlands Little League and a member of the Honesdale Lions Club. He and his wife, the former Megan Rindock, have four children—Bridget, Margaret, Keira and Ryan—who were all delivered at Wayne Memorial Hospital.



**Scott Epstein, MD,** is a longtime member of the Wayne Memorial Hospital Medical Staff and Wayne Health's newest board member. The director of Wayne Physiatry, LLC at the Stourbridge Professional Complex, Dr. Epstein graduated from the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University and specializes in inpatient rehabilitation, non-operative musculoskeletal and neurological

care, electromyography (EMG) and nerve conduction studies, localized injections, and a holistic (medication and non-medication) approach to pain management.

Dr. Epstein is board certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, the American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine, and the American Board of Pain Medicine. At Wayne Memorial, Dr. Epstein is Chair of the Hospital's Utilization Review Committee, and is a member of the Credentials, Medical Executive, and Medical Care Committees as well as Medical Director of the Inpatient Rehabilitation Center. Dr. Epstein and his wife Sandy live in South Abington Township and have two children.



Vice Chair **Betty deMaye-Caruth, PhD, RN, CHPT, RM/T,** a member of the Honesdale business and professional community, is a registered nurse and retired Major in the U.S. Army Reserves. She owns and operates the Minerva Educational and Wellness Treatment Center, LLC, in Honesdale. She also has a Master's degree in education and a Doctorate in holistic health. Betty was born and raised in New York City

and moved to Honesdale in 1991 with her late husband, a native of Wayne County, dentist Lawrence Caruth. A decorated veteran, with a successful local practice for many years, he and Betty were always very active in the community until his passing in 2021. She is a member of the Wayne County Business and Professional Women, Honesdale Rotary, the American Legion, the American Holistic Nurses Association, Healing Touch International and Republican Women.



**Sylvia Kingston** relocated to northeast Pennsylvania from New York City in 2010 to join *Highlights for Children* in Honesdale as a Human Resources Business Partner. She has been a senior consultant at several leading search firms, including most recently Morgan Howard/Wellesley & Partners in New York City. Sylvia has more than 15 years of experience in senior human resources roles, including four years

as vice president and head of Human Resources for Sanwa Financial Products. She joined Sanwa after nine years as a specialist in human resources at Salomon Brothers, serving as VP/manager of global compensation and HRIS (Human Resources Information System). Kingston graduated cum laude with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Classics from Pomona College of Claremont Colleges, California. She spent a year in the graduate study program of Classical Philology at Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. A resident of Beach Lake, Sylvia is married to the artist Jim Kingston. She is a member and past president of the Honesdale Rotary club and a former volunteer with the Warmth in the Night Shelter at Grace Episcopal Church in Honesdale.



**Robert "Bob" Non** has been the President of Pleasant Mount Welding since its inception in 1983. The organization has grown significantly under his leadership. Bob says his company is currently the market leader and largest fabricator of miscellaneous metals for wastewater and water treatment plants on the East Coast. Born in Carbondale and raised on a family farm in Pleasant Mount, PA, Bob

graduated from Forest City Regional High School and Lackawanna County Vocational-Technical School where he completed a three-year course in welding. He attended Penn State University to study courses specifically to enrich his background in business development including accounting, marketing, engineering and mathematics. He has served as the Treasurer of the Carbondale Technology Transfer Center for more than 10 years. Bob is happily married to his wife Sue and has two wonderful children Brandon and Brianna.



Wayne Memorial Now & Into the Future Foundation & Legacy Circle Seminar— Tour the Dorflinger Factory Museum! ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, the Wayne Memorial

Health Foundation will present a three-part seminar at the Dorflinger Factory Museum in White Mills. The event will include appetizers, wine and beer, and tours of the site offered by owner Jim Asselstine. The Factory Museum, housed in a beautifully restored building, a noteworthy example of bluestone architecture, is an industrial heritage museum celebrating the history and craftsmanship of the Dorflinger glass companies in White Mills and Brooklyn, New York.

The presentation will be hosted by the Sandra and Paul Meagher Legacy Circle, and Paul Meagher will be a featured speaker, in addition to Wayne Memorial CEO James Pettinato, BSN, MHSA, CCRN-K and Elizabeth Barnette, a longtime philanthropy consultant with Bank of America.

"This is really a get-to-know Wayne Memorial Hospital and Health System in 2022," said Legacy Circle Co-Chair Martha Wilson, who added it was also meant to help people understand how to support Wayne Memorial with planned gifts. The Legacy Circle, part of Wayne Memorial Health Foundation, is designed to help people "leave a legacy" in the form of a bequest, charitable gift annuity or other planned gift.

"No one will deny the importance of accessible health care in our community," Wilson explained. "We want people to know that they can be instrumental in the degree of that accessibility going forward—keeping what we have today viable and vibrant and assuring advancements are met as needed."

Invitations are in the mail. If you have not received one and would like to be invited, please contact Lisa Champeau, director of Communications and Development, at champeau@wmh.org or 570.253.8631.

"It's going to be an informative afternoon, but also a heck of a lot of fun," said Wilson.

Cover photo, top: Nancy Propst, chair Wayne Memorial Health Foundation and WMH CEO James Pettinato, BSN, MHSA, CCRN-K. Below: Sandy and Paul Meagher.



#### **CONTRIBUTIONS** *March 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022*

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# WMH Health Needs Survey

### COVID, Mental Health Top List

**SERVICES TO ADDRESS** COVID-19 concerns, both physical and mental, as well as other mental health services ranked high as areas of still-unmet need in the region served by Wayne Memorial Hospital and Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers, according to the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) published this summer.

Improved access to care and services for older adults followed close behind, as well as more services for cancer and heart disease, the top causes of death in the state (COVID-19 is #3). The complete findings of the survey, required by the Internal Revenue Service every three years, can be found at CHNA: COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT–Wayne Memorial Hospital (wmh.org)

The current survey consisted of five focus groups, a public survey completed by 526 individuals and interviews with 21 key community stakeholders including patients, government officials, human service agency leaders and school district officials. It was conducted by East Stroudsburg University's Institute for Public Health Research & Innovation and overseen by WMH's Community Health Manager Carol Kneier, MS, RD, LDN, CDCES.

"COVID-19 really changed the landscape covered by this survey," said Kneier, "while many community members complimented Wayne Memorial on its handling of the disease—the treatment, vaccines and communications-- they also admitted COVID heightened many existing problems, such as depression, suicide and substance abuse. This is mirrored nationally as well."

Nationally, overdose deaths and alcohol use rose substantially during 2021, according to numerous studies. Nearly 1/3 of all deaths in Wayne & Pike counties are alcohol-related, higher than the PA average. In Wayne County, intentional self-harm is the fourth leading cause of death.

In interviews, school officials, along with healthcare and social service agencies said they had all increased staffing in mental health services, but the "need still outpaces the ability to meet it."

Survey participants also checked off a need for more caregiver support groups and more nursing home beds in a region challenged by high Alzheimer's rates—33.8% in Wayne County alone versus 21.4% in the entire state of Pennsylvania, both age-adjusted.

The ratio of primary care providers to population remains sub-optimal, but among those who did have primary care providers, they rated that care "very positive."

"We are very grateful to members of the community who participated in our CHNA," said CEO James Pettinato, BSN, MHSA, CCRN-K. "This survey is used not only by us but by other agencies as well to help guide the development and growth of services that best meet the needs of the community we serve."

Besides having their voices heard, public survey participants who volunteered their email addresses were entered into a random drawing for one of four \$50 gift cards.

An action plan or proposed implementation of services to answer the top needs is expected sometime later this year.



Photo: Argyro Paspalas, Pike County resident, (center) one of four winners in a random drawing for survey participants, accepts her gift card from Carol Kneier, MS, RD, LDN, CDCES, manager Community Health (left) and Lisa Champeau, director Communications & Development (right). Paspalas said she was happy to fill out the survey and "we always experience good service at Wayne Memorial."

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### Wayne Memorial Health Foundation Community Grants And this Year's Winners Are...

**A LL OF THEM!** Eleven applications were received and, due partly to an increase in the Community Grant Fund this year, the committee was able to fund them all.

The **Growing Old Together Program (GOT)** topped the list. This group of volunteers hopes to use the monies for enhanced marketing and fundraising to support their services, which provides seniors age 60 and over with transportation to medical appointments, home visits for socialization, light household duties and social outings in Wayne and Pike counties, Carbondale and Forest City area and parts of Sullivan County in New York.

"We are very grateful for this grant, enabling us to serve a greater number of senior residents in the region who may find it difficult to live independently in their homes when, with a little help, they can," stated Thomas Cambridge, executive director Growing Older Together.

Other grantees ranged from the **Cooperage Project** for "giving kids tools for health and happiness" to **Fair Hills Therapeutic Riding Center** for two certified instructors to provide therapeutic horseback riding to area adults and children with disabilities. This non-traditional therapy teaches horsemanship skills to help build confidence, as well as physical and emotional strength.

Thanks to a WMHF community grant, **Honesdale Fire Department Hose Company #1** will be able to purchase an ice maker and coolers to help responders and the public for large scale emergencies during extended hot weather seasons.

The **Carbondale YMCA** applied for grant funds to help launch a "Rock Steady" program for Parkinson's patients, **Project Linus** to continue to seek out "blanketeers" willing to make warm huggable blankets for children and **Communities that Care** will revive their "Learn to Swim" program. **The Rail-Trail Council of NEPA** plans to use the monies to subsidize its Building Health Initiative and Girls on a Hike programs. The **Pennsylvania Elks Major Projects** group requested funds to help provide free in-home health promotion and support services for 50 children, youth, and adults with developmental disabilities who live in the WMHS service area.

A nutrition project at **Wayne Highlands School Districts' Damascus and Preston Schools** and the **Wayne County Family Center** both are receiving monies geared to children and families. The Family Center, a first-time applicant, hopes to resume its in-person play groups in Honesdale.

Photo l to r: Carol Kneier, MS, RD, LDN, CDCES, community health manager, WMH and member, Community Grants Committee, WMHF; Diane Yaddow, president, GOT; Cinda Tietjen, board member, WMHF and member, Community Grants Committee, WMHF; Thomas Cambridge, executive director, GOT and Martha Wilson, board member, WMHF and chair, Community Grants Committee, WMHF.

## Wayne Memorial's Lisa Champeau Promoted



### New Post Includes Foundation Leadership

**A FTER 15-PLUS YEARS** as Wayne Memorial Health System's Public Relations Manager, Lisa Champeau was promoted this spring to a newly-created position, Director of Communications & Development. The new post encompasses her prior duties in public relations, in addition to oversight responsibilities for Community Health and Grants & Development. Lisa also serves now as the Director of the Wayne Memorial Health Foundation, the fundraising arm of the health system and the producer of this newsletter.

"I'm thrilled and grateful to take on this new post," said Champeau, who noted that the combined entities share a common thread, encompassing all of the health system's "non-clinical" interactions with the community it serves.

"Lisa brings a lot of experience to this newly developed role," said Wayne Memorial CEO James Pettinato, BSN, MHSA, CCRN-K, when he appointed Champeau to the position. "Her diverse background will serve our community and health system well by aligning our outreach programs with the health initiatives and programs across our care continuums."

Originally from New York, Champeau earned her undergraduate degree from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois and went on to do graduate work at New York University. She joined Wayne Memorial after a long career in broadcast journalism, which included positions at CBS-WCBS, WPIX and HBO in New York City, WJZ in Baltimore, National Geographic Television and, locally, WNEP/Scranton-Wilkes Barre and WBNG in Binghamton. She has also been published in numerous media, including The Chicago Tribune and Barron's Business & Financial Weekly.

On the healthcare front, Lisa spent a year working as the Communications Director for the international medical relief group, AmeriCares, during which time she visited and worked in many countries, including Uganda, Sudan, Poland and Haiti.

Active in the community, Champeau is a former officer on the boards of the Honesdale Roots & Rhythm Music & Arts Festival and the Northern Wayne Community Library and an active member of the Honesdale Rotary and the Wayne Pike Trails & Waterways Alliance/Lackawaxen River Trails.

"I'm very lucky to have wonderful staff already in place in some of my new job oversight areas," said Champeau, "who are more than qualified to help us succeed further as a team. I'm looking forward to the next chapter."

### Jack Dennis Retires

**WAYNE MEMORIAL'S ADMINISTRATIVE** Leadership Team honored Grants and Development Manager John "Jack" Dennis for more than two decades of service upon his retirement on May 26th. Jack also served as the Executive Director of the Wayne Memorial Health Foundation. Jack is credited with securing funds for multiple projects which have been instrumental in the growth of Wayne Memorial. Thank You, Jack!



Photo: Front row, l. to r.: Carol Kneier, manager Community Health; James Pettinato, CEO; Jack Dennis; Frederick Jackson, executive director, WMCHC. Jean Tuttle, Community Health; Chandra Roberts, director Patient Care Services; Lisa Champeau, director Communications & Development; Patricia Dunsinger, CFO; Tim Huber, director Facilities & Real Estate; and Bethany Fine, director Human Resources.



## Wayne & Pike Commissioners Proclaim National Health Center Week

<sup>CC</sup> **I** 'M EXCEPTIONALLY ENTHUSED about healthcare here with Wayne Memorial," said Brian Smith, chair Wayne County Commissioners, "it's a big part of our economy and security." Smith and fellow commissioner Jocelyn Cramer welcomed staff from Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC) on August 4th to proclaim National Health Center Week. The Pike County commissioners announced their proclamation the day before, joined by both WMCHC administrators and Pike County WMCHC staff.

National Health Center Week, August 7–13th, is celebrated throughout the country to recognize community health centers, which were launched in 1965 to help increase access to primary care by reducing barriers such as cost, lack of insurance, distance, and language. Community health centers—or federally qualified health centers—receive funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration to help them fulfill their mission. Today, there are 1,400 health centers in the U.S. providing care to more than 28 million.

WMCHC Finance Director Bob Fortuner told Smith that WMCHC began in "2007 with two facilities and 23 employees. Today we have 19 facilities and 370 employees." WMCHC operates in four counties and provides primary care, dental services, women's healthcare, pediatric services, urgent care, and behavioral health, surgical, and neurology services.

Wayne County photo, l. to r.: front row, WMCHC Finance Director Robert Fortuner; WMCHC Administrative Director Wynter Newman; WMCHC Dental Office Manager Nichole Yannone;WMCHC Pediatric Practice Administrator Linda Penwarden. Back row, Wayne County Commissioners Jocelyn Cramer and Brian Smith. Wayne County Commissioner Joe Adams participated via Zoom. Missing from photo: WMCHC Executive Director Frederick Jackson.

Pike County photo, l. to r.: Pike County Commissioner Tony Waldron; Karen Arthur/WMCHC Pike Family Health Center supervisor; WMCHC Finance Director Robert Fortuner; Pike County Commissioner Matt Osterberg; WMCHC Director of Clinical Operations & Quality Norma Nocilla, BSHA, LPN, CPHQ; WMCHC Administrative Director Wynter Newman; and Gail Peterson, manager Pinnacle Family Health/Pike Family Health & the Tick-borne Disease & Wellness Center. Missing from photo: Pike Commissioner Ron Schmalzle and WMCHC Executive Director Frederick Jackson.

#### WINNERS

Congratulations to all the winners and much gratitude to our sponsors for support of our healthcare system.

Mixed 1st Flight 1ST PLACE Dr. William Dewar, Dr. Krista Bott, Todd Stephens, Ron Schmalzle-62 2ND PLACE Don Flynn, Fred Jackson, Carol Jackson, Frank Beier-66

Mixed 2nd Flight 1ST PLACE Gary Mesko, Peter Mesko, Nancy Moro, Greg Hoeper-71\*\* 2ND PLACE Kathleen Coonon, Dan Brindisi, Paul Madden, Guedes-71

Women's 1st Flight 1ST PLACE Nadine Greco, Nancy Johannes, Kristy Tierney, Tracey Dutton

Men's 1st Flight 1ST PLACE Jordan Übertini, Steve Hudacek, Steve Hudacek III, Charles Hudacek-57\*\* 2ND PLACE Pete Bochnovich, Bill Boyle, Jim Gardas, Skip Horan-57 3RD PLACE Jeff Skier, Myles Berg, Jeff Gould, Spencer Williams-57

Men's 2nd Flight 1ST PLACE Sean Buckman, James Miller, Charles Galat, Mike Mancuso-63 2ND PLACE John Brennan, Paul Sedlak, Dave Irska, Bill McNulty-64 3RD PLACE John Carmody, Craig Vannatta, Ryan Swift, Guy Leach-65

Men's 3rd Flight 1ST PLACE Paul Forlenza, John Bulger, Dave Weader, Jeff Zeisloft-66\*\* 2ND PLACE Joe Faubel, Alan Cooper, Logan Curnal, Tim Farrell-66 3RD PLACE Jon Keller, Ron Keller-66

Men's 4th Flight 1ST PLACE Pat Houshultz, Dr. Andy Nebzydoski, Dr. Joe Cimochowski, David Tomazic-67\*\* 2ND PLACE Tim Dailey, Rob Gentile, Doug DeCantis, Tom Dailey-67 3RD PLACE Mike Clifford, Matt Boyd, Loren Stone, Bob Fortuner-71

On Course Prizes MEN'S CLOSEST TO THE PIN #17-Jim Gardas 3'10"

LADIES CLOSEST TO THE PIN #4-Tracey Dutton

LADIES LONGEST DRIVE #18-Krista Bott

MEN'S LONGEST DRIVE #9-Steve Hudacek

**STRAIGHTEST DRIVE** #13-Charles Hudacek







AUGUST 15, 2022 WOODLOCH SPRINGS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, HAWLEY



It was an "awesome day," according to many of the 116 golfers signed up to play this year. They enjoyed picture-perfect weather and a delicious array of hors d'oeuvres, a change of pace from the traditional buffer dinner of years past. In addition to sponsorships and player fees, Wayne Memorial had a successful 50-50 raffle at the event. Foundation Board Chair Nancy Propst and WMH CEO Jim Pettinato welcomed the golfers and invited them all back next year—bring friends!















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## Orthopaedic Surgeon Jeffrey Mogerman, MD, Scaling Back

**J** EFFREY MOGERMAN, MD, is continuing his orthopaedic practice at Wayne Memorial Hospital after greater than three decades of orthopaedic practice in Northeastern Pennsylvania, but he is scaling back to a one-half time schedule.

"I plan to begin working one-half time, approximately 15 days per month beginning November first," said Dr. Mogerman, "and I remain honored to continue my orthopaedic service at Wayne Memorial Hospital on this new time schedule."

Dr. Mogerman, who has extensive experience in shoulder, knee and lower limb surgery, made it clear his new schedule definitely includes surgery.

"We will continue to offer elective orthopaedic surgical procedures," Dr. Mogerman said, "including shoulder, hip and knee replacement surgery, rotator cuff repair and ACL reconstruction and care of fractures, supported as needed by the other members of the Wayne Memorial Hospital orthopaedic team."

Dr. Mogerman's office on Woodlands Drive in

Waymart will remain open full-time with services provided by support staff. If needed, patients can be referred to fellow Wayne Memorial orthopaedists David Caucci, MD and/or Keith Cordischi, DO, at Honesdale Orthopaedic Surgery, 3202 Route 191/Lake Ariel Highway in Honesdale.

In 1977, Dr. Mogerman graduated from the Jacobs School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He worked for many years in the Carbondale area, where he was President of the Medical Staff at the former Marian Community Hospital. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and has been a member of the Pennsylvania Medical Society since 1982.

"We are pleased that Dr. Mogerman is continuing to practice with us," said Wayne Memorial Director of Ancillary Services James Hockenbury, "at the same time we wish him well on his new schedule and thank him for his many years of patient care."

Hockenbury noted that Dr. Mogerman's patients are being notified by mail, but anyone with questions can call Dr. Mogerman's office at (570) 488-9880 or Honesdale Orthopaedic Surgery at (570) 647-0001.

Photo: Jeffrey Mogerman, MD, FACS.

Hematology-Oncology

AYNE MEMORIAL IS actively seeking a Hematology-Oncology group practice to care for patients at the hospital. As of September 30th, 2022, regrettably and despite many efforts over the past year, Wayne Memorial is no longer able to provide physician services in Hematology-Oncology. The Infusion Clinic will remain open and prescriptions from outside providers will be honored and administered. The physician service patients have been notified by mail and in person when possible.

## Wayne Memorial Welcomes New Providers

### New GI Doc in House



CLIFFORD CARROL, MD, FACP, FACG, FASGE, board-certified gastroenterologist, joined Wayne Memorial's Physician Specialty Clinic this spring. Dr. Clifford, who has more than 30 years experience in gastroenterology, worked primarily in private practices, mostly in Nevada and New York, before coming to PA. He received his medical degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Dr. Carrol sees both inpatients and outpatients for diagnostic testing and treatment. Dr. Carrol

performs procedures including ERCP, colonoscopy, endoscopy and gastrostomy at Wayne Memorial. Since he's arrived, the hospital has been able to keep many patients and not transfer them out for GI procedures—a plus for Wayne Memorial and the patient.

### Primary Care, Pediatrics, Behavioral Health

Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC) proudly announces the addition of three new providers in primary care, pediatrics and behavioral health.



**STEPHANIE WALSH ROUMIANTSEVA, CRNP,** started at the Honesdale Family Health Center on August 1st. and will also be working out of the Hamlin Family Health Center. Stephanie completed her Master of Science degree in Nursing as a Family Nurse Practitioner at the University of Scranton as well as 10 years' experience at Geisinger CMC in the spring. Stephanie advanced from Nurse Aide to Registered Nurse and worked in the ICU and CTICU most of her time at Geisinger. While the experience was valuable in growing and developing her skills, Stephanie

yearned for the setting Wayne Memorial offered her. "The close community and family atmosphere is so enjoyable," she said, "It's a refreshing change. When I did my clinical hours here, I just knew!"



On August 8th, **TARYN DONNELLY, PA-C** began at the Honesdale Pediatric Center. Taryn earned a BS in Rehabilitation Science at the University of Pittsburgh and graduated with her Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies from Arcadia University this past May. She gained clinical experience at a dozen different healthcare facilities in three states but was drawn to Wayne Memorial. "I loved being a student here in Pennsylvania and pursued coming back after school," she admitted. Taryn worked and volunteered at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

hospitals in Hematology/Oncology and Cardiology. As a pediatric physician assistant at WMCHC, Taryn provides health care to infants and children under the age of 18.



The Honesdale Behavioral Health Center welcomed Licensed Professional Counselor CARRIE GILL as its newest therapist earlier in the summer. Carrie is part of a multi-disciplinary team offering outpatient services to adults and children for the treatment of mental health disorders. She holds a Master of Science degree in Clinical Psychology from Loyola University in Baltimore, MD, additionally; she completed post-Master's work at Marywood University in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She has been working in the area for nine years, including on the staff at

NHS Human Services as a Mobile Therapist/Behavior Specialist for five years. She was most recently employed as an outpatient school-based therapist for Friendship House providing individual and family counseling within Wayne Highlands, Western Wayne and Wallenpaupak school districts.

Recognizing mental health as a growing concern everywhere and being a native of Honesdale, Carrie feels very strongly about serving locally as a provider with WMCHC, "We have a great team with varying expertise that enriches each provider and encourages continuous professional growth," she stated. "Our community is very fortunate to have such a wonderful resource for mental health services right in their backyard."

Welcome new providers!

In memory of Frieda and Morris Stockhammer Mona Drooker

*In memory of Teresa Stiles* Thomas and Nancy Schilling Hospice Fund

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### WMH Auxiliary News New Officers!

**THE WAYNE MEMORIAL** Hospital Auxiliary ushered in new officers and celebrated its close to 200 volunteers during its annual dinner Monday, June 6th at Woodloch Pines in Hawley. New Auxiliary President Diane Popovich, RN, took the reins from outgoing president, Melissa Rickard, CRNP, DNP-BC. Popovich, who thanked Rickard for her service, is now tasked with helping to lead the group out of the pandemic.

The Auxiliary also installed President-elect Joyce Malicky; Vice President Michelle Corrigan, RN; Secretary Tami Baker; Treasurer Diane Fox; and Assistant Treasurer Danielle Hedgelon. All officers hold their positions for two years.

While it's been a rough couple of years for many non-profit fundraising organizations such as the WMH Auxiliary, Auxiliary members say their thrift shops, The Other Shop in Honesdale and The Other Shop 2 in Hawley brought in enough income for the Auxiliary to continue to meet its commitment to the hospital's Second Century Fund. The Auxiliary, which pledged \$600,000 over six years, kicked off the campaign in early 2019 at its Mistletoe Ball.

Photo, left to right: Melissa Rickard and Diane Popovich. Photo group, left to right: Hedgelon, Fox, Baker, Corrigan, Malicky and Popovich. Closing in on Second Century Pledge—and a Surprise Donation!

**N** OT EVEN COVID-19 could stop Wayne Memorial Hospital's "Army of Auxilians" from working to fulfill their \$600,00 pledge to the hospital's Second Century campaign. On August 31st, they presented the fruits of their labor over the past year, \$160,000, to the Hospital/Health



System Board of Trustees. A donation of \$15,000 was also made to Wayne Woodlands Manor, Wayne Memorial's skilled nursing facility in Waymart. The Auxiliary is now just \$200,000 shy of their goal. Their fundraising activities include events, such as the Garden Tour and Purse Bingo, and their thrift shops, The Other Shop in Honesdale and The Other Shop 2 in Hawley—which "did exceptionally well during the pandemic," according to the Auxiliary. CEO Jim Pettinato and Board Chair Hugh Rechner thanked the Auxiliary for their outstanding commitment to Wayne Memorial and the community.

Auxiliary President Diane Popovich also announced that Mike and Allyson Cavage, this year's Wayne County Community Foundation Ben Franklin awardees, had chosen the Auxiliary as the designated recipient of their \$1,000 honorarium. Very nice!

Photo, left to right: WWM Administrator Michael Freund, WMH CEO James Pettinato, WMH Auxiliary President Diane Popovich, WMH & Health System Board Chair Hugh Rechner.



## First-ever Garden Tour

**A ND WHAT A** success it was! The Auxiliary offered a self-guided tour of eight magnificent local gardens from Lakeville to Beach Lake on Saturday, July 9th. The weather cooperated and the gardeners were thrilled to show off their masterful creations. The Auxiliary also held a raffle for prizes in conjunction with the tour. "We sold 230 tickets and we made \$5,455 dollars," said Committee Co-Chair Martha Wilson, "we were very pleased and already talking about doing it again next year!"

The New York Bee Gees Auxiliary Tribute Concert

> Sunday, September 18th 4pm – 6pm

> Woodloch Pines Night Club

Open seating/cash bar \$45 Per Person

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## New Year, New Class of Project Search Interns

**THE CLASS OF** '22-23 is underway! Since 2018, Wayne Memorial has participated in Project Search, a oneyear, school-to-work program for local students with intellectual disabilities who are in their final year of high school. Each student trains in three internship rotations at Wayne Memorial Hospital to prepare them for competitive integrated employment. They learn skills they can transfer to real jobs. In fact, since the program began, several students have been hired by Wayne Memorial in Environmental Services and Dietary Services. This year, WMH has two Wallenpaupack students, three from North Pocono and one from Wayne Highlands.

Photo, left to right, bottom row: Brianna Dailey, Emily Collins, Jasmine Strasburger. Top row: RJ Rodriguez, Wyatt Paone, James Neumann

# Out & About!

### **Community Outreach**

After two summers where COVID put a big dent in outdoor events, community fairs were back in action this year. And so were WMH and WMCHC staff! They attended 15 events from May through August, manning information tables, handing out flyers and giveaways like pop-push fidgets, tick-removal kits, lip balm, toothbrushes and stickon tattoos. Community Health Assistant Jean Tuttle sits in front of a WMH/WMCHC sign at the Zane Grey Festival on Saturday July 16th, and Carol Kneier, MS, RD, LDN, CDCES, manager Community Health helps out a young boy at the Northern Pocono Child Safety Fair in Lackawaxen Township on June 11th. CHC folks at this summer's events included staff from Together for Health Dental Center, Pediatrics and Behavioral Health, such as Amanda Vitali, LPC, bottom right.



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