

Mather matters

A newsletter for the staff, volunteers and benefactors of Mather Hospital
SUMMER 2018

Mather Establishes State's First Accredited Graduate Nurse Residency Program

New graduate nurses at Mather will be mentored and developed over the course of their first year on the job through our new Graduate Nurse Transition to Practice Residency Program. The program, which is accredited by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, is the first of its kind in New York State.

"Achieving accreditation for a graduate nurse program demonstrates the value that nursing has within an organization," said Brandy L. Feliu, MSN, RN, Assistant Vice President for Nursing Professional Development. "At Mather we focus on the lifelong learning process of our nurses. We involve them in educational activities that develop and maintain their competence and performance. These

continued activities have a positive impact on the ability of our nurses to deliver high quality and safe patient care in all practice settings and environments."

Nursing research studies have shown that nurse residency programs increase the retention and satisfaction of new graduate nurses. The program helps to bridge the gap between theory and practice, supporting the new graduate nurses in patient care. Nurse residency programs are recommended by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing; the Institute of Medicine report: The Future of Nursing published in 2010; and the American Nurses Association through the Practice Transition Accreditation Program.

Leo Sternlicht Named Board Chairman



Leo Sternlicht, a longtime member of the Mather Hospital Board of Directors, has been named chairman of

the board. Sternlicht succeeds Kenneth Jacoppi, who had served as chairman since 2006 and will continue on the Board as a member.

Sternlicht, who was born in Nassau County and grew up in Port Jefferson, is a graduate of Earl L. Vandermuellen High School in Port Jefferson. He received his BS degree in Business Administration/Finance from the University at Albany (SUNY) and his

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Capstone Award 2018

Congratulations to the Nursing Research Council and the Practice Transition Accreditation Program, winners of the 2018 Mather Hospital Capstone Award, for guiding and mentoring nurses in achieving a Magnet® exemplar in nursing research, evidenced based practice and leading to the accreditation of NYS's first nursing residency and fellowship program. They are congratulated by Mather President Kenneth Roberts (left) and former Chairman Kenneth Jacoppi (right).



Kenneth D. Roberts

President's Column

Our vision at Mather is to become the best community teaching hospital in New York State. One of the ways that will help us achieve this goal is by creating a "just culture" - which is a characteristic of any high reliability organization. A just culture balances the need for open and honest reporting with the goal of a quality learning environment that is constantly improving and is obsessed with safety. This is done by empowering every physician, employee, and volunteer to speak up when they think something could be harmful to patients, visitors or staff. A just culture examines the process and uncovers where improvements should be made, ideally before a negative event occurs.

In a just culture, leadership and frontline staff share accountability for safety. Staff is responsible for recognizing and reporting errors and error-prone systems and openly discussing them with managers and peers. Leaders are charged with creating an environment where staff is always comfortable disclosing actual and potential errors. Leaders ensure that reporting won't place the reporter at risk for punishment. Staff concerns are heard and real action is taken when necessary in a timely manner.

While Mather has been recognized for patient safety from organizations such as The Leapfrog Group, we must continually be working to improve on our processes. In the coming months, you will learn more about becoming much more of a high reliable organization and developing a strong just culture at Mather Hospital.

People

Leo Sternlicht was appointed the new chairman of the board at Mather. Leo has been on the board since 2004. Our thanks to **Kenneth Jacoppi**, who had served as chairman since 2006 and as a board member for more than 41 years.

Congratulations to all our Nursing Award winners: DAISY Award to **Robyn Jackson, BSN, RN**, of 2 East; Nurse of Excellence Award to **Sandra Brown, BSN, RN**, Nursing Informatics; **Roy Zuckerberg** Family Award (Northwell Health) to **Melissa Pearson, BSN, RN, PCCN**, Emergency Department; Advanced Practice Nurse Award to **Nita Malik, NP-C**, Hospital Medicine; Nurse Leader Award to **Jeanne Brennan, BSN, RN-BC**, 2 East; Clinical Instructor Award to **Nancy Rochler, MSN, RN, CCRN**, Nursing Professional Development; Clinical Nurse Award to **Gail Griffett, RN**, Operating Room; RN "Rookie" Award to **Grace Shin, BSN, RN**, 2 East; Nursing Assistant Award to **Kaitlyn Wagner, NA**, 3 North; Unit Secretary Award to **Karen Erato, 2 East**.

Denise Uettwiller-Geiger, PhD, clinical chemist and director of clinical trials at Mather Hospital, was selected as one of six national finalists for the Cardinal Health 2018 Essential Laboratory Professional of the Year award. We also wish her well on her retirement.

Joseph Aliano, Jr., DTR, was named Director of the Food and Nutritional Services Department. **Joe Meyer** was promoted to the position of Assistant Director of Food and Nutrition Services. **Lori Gomolka** was promoted to Director of Medical Staff Credentialing.

Congratulations to all employees honored at the Employee Service Awards dinner and to the Nursing Research Council and the Practice Transition Accreditation Program, winners of the Mather Hospital Capstone Award, for guiding and mentoring nurses in achieving a Magnet™ exemplar in nursing research, evidenced based practice and leading to the accreditation of the first nursing residency and fellowship program in New York State.

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Mather Receives “A” Rating for Patient Safety and Quality

Mather received the top “A” rating for patient safety from The Leapfrog Group. Mather was one of only two Long Island hospitals to achieve that distinction. The Hospital has received the top rating in 11 of the past 13 rating periods. To see Mather’s grade, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www.hospitalsafetygrade.org.

Employee Service Award Dinner

The annual event honored employees for their years of service to Mather Hospital.



40 years of service



Golf Classic Honoree Lou Bove of Bove Industries (right) received the Founder’s Award from Mather Chairman Leo Sternlicht. Lou has served on the committee for more than a decade and has chaired it for the past five years. The Classic raised more than \$262,000 for Nursing Education.



35 years of service



40 Years on the Board

Konrad J. Kuhn was honored for his 40 years of service to Mather’s Board of Directors. Congratulating him were Mather President Kenneth Roberts (left) and Mather Chairman Kenneth Jacoppi (right). Kuhn currently serves as a vice chairman of the Board.



30 years of service

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EMS Partners in Care Dinner

(Above) Mather Emergency Department administrators and staff, Nursing staff, emergency personnel and EMS dinner speakers.

(Right) Northwell Health personnel demonstrate the latest in emergency equipment for EMS workers.



Medical Residents Graduation Party



Transitional Year residents, staff and Dr. Joseph Ng (center, rear), program director.



Internal Medicine residents, staff and Dr. Michael Tofano (right), program director.



Independence Day Parade

Mather and Northwell employees and their families lined up for the Port Jefferson July Fourth parade.



Fortunate Breast Health Center
**FAMILIES WALK
 FOR HOPE**

The five-mile walk through Port Jefferson and Belle Terre raised more than \$104,000 this year for the Fortunate Breast Health Center.



Walk to Dublin

Challenge Promotes Employee Health

Checking fitness monitors has become as common as checking cell phones for Mather employees who are part of Northwell Health's Walk to Dublin challenge. Seventy-nine 10-person teams at the hospital participated in the virtual journey of 3.71 million steps from New York to Dublin, Ireland by tracking their real physical activity. All teams to virtually reach Dublin together will qualify to win an ACTUAL trip to Ireland. Team trip winners will be announced at the Northwell Health rally on July 21 at Jones Beach.



Dublin Our Steps: (Above left) The Walking to Dublin team from Patient Access won the best team name competition and tickets to a Ducks game. Pictured (l to r) are: Debra Alicea, Celeste Grant, Filippa Russo, Emily Johnston, Jennifer Maccauley and Kelli Montalbano. Team members not pictured are Kelly Mullane, Paige Deale, Brittany Ventura and Donna Benante.

PT Hooligans: (Above right) The PT Hooligans from Physical Therapy had the most steps of any team for the first three weeks of the Walk to Dublin challenge. Pictured (l to r) are: Mathew Rivera, Karen Rivera, Laura Wells, Ashley Maccauley, Dena Promitco, Zach Riggio. Back row: Patti Aeillo-Gazura. Members not present are Tim Lee, Melissa Schulman, and Melissa Hafner. Each team member received a Mather Hospital/ Northwell Health canvas bag.



Walk to Dublin Top Steppers: (Above, l-r) Billy Paduano (2,063,937), IS; Emily Neithercut (962,812), Pharmacy; Melissa Hafner (996,728), PT; Ashley Maccauley (1,424,513), PT; Anna Burrows (1,036,253), Food Service; (back row) Wayne Shattes (1,009,948), Administration; Matt Rivera (988,602), PT; and Brandon Burke (1,039,304), Case Management.

medical staff matters

Welcome new doctors!

Benjamin Acker, DO

Specialty: Otorhinolaryngology
Medical School: University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
Residency: Kennedy University Hospital, Stratford, NJ
Practice: ENT and Allergy Associates, LLP

Farhad Anoosh, MD

Specialty: General Surgery
Medical School: Tabriz University of Medical Science
Residency: Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, New York Hospital Medical Center-Queens
Practice: Long Island Laparoscopic Surgery, Port Jefferson

Eileen M. Barr, DO

Specialty: Internal Medicine
Medical School: York College of Osteopathic Medicine
Residency: Winthrop-University Hospital, Mineola
Practice: Hesham M. Atwa, MD, East Setauket

Kimon Bekelis, MD

Specialty: Neurological Surgery
Medical School: National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
Residency: Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, NH
Practice: Long Island Neurological & Pain Specialists, West Islip

Michael Bellone, MD

Specialty: Pathology
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, Old Westbury
Residency: Stony Brook University - School of Dental Medicine
Practice: Pathology & Laboratory Consultants of Long Island, PLLC, West Islip

Daniel Birk, MD

Specialty: Neurological Surgery
Medical School: Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons
Residency: University of Illinois Hospital, Chicago
Practice: New York Spine & Brain Surgery, PC, Stony Brook

Steve Chen, MD

Specialty: Anesthesiology
Medical School: St Georges School of Medicine, Grenada
Residency: Flushing Hospital, SUNY Health Science Center, Stony Brook
Practice: Long Island Anesthesia Physicians, LLP - Rocky Point

Sherard Chiu, MD

Specialty: Bariatric Surgery, General Surgery
Medical School: University of Alabama Medical Center
Residency: Atlanta Medical Center
Practice: Sherard Chiu, MD

Bill Dalosis, DPM

Specialty: Podiatry
Medical School: Barry University School of Graduate Medical Sciences, Florida
Residency: DePaul Hospital
Practice: Longwood Footcare, Coram

Stephen Dreznin, MD

Specialty: Internal Medicine, Hospital Medicine
Medical School: Dominican Republic . U.C.E
Residency: Kings County Hospital Center, New York; Maimonides Medical Center, New York
Practice: Mather Hospital Medicine

Isheeka Edwards, MD

Specialty: Internal Medicine
Medical School: University of the West Indies
Residency: Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, New Jersey
Practice: Medical Associates

Jeffrey Epstein, MD

Specialty: Neurological Surgery
Medical School: Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Guadalajara
Residency: SUNY Downstate Medical Center
Practice: J. Epstein, MD, Babylon

Sheri L. Ford, MD

Specialty: Radiology
Medical School: Wayne State University School of Medicine, MI
Residency: SUNY Health Science Center-Stony Brook
Practice: Mather Hospital - Fortunato Breast Health Center

Deepti Gupta, MD

Specialty: Internal Medicine
Medical School: Presbyterian Medical Center-Philadelphia
Residency: Presbyterian Medical Center-Philadelphia
Practice: Port Jeff Medicine, PC.

Sayyed Hamidi, MD

Specialty: Internal Medicine, Hospital Medicine
Medical School: Shiraz University of Medical Sciences
Residency: Mount Sinai Medical Center
Practice: Mather Hospital Medicine

Georgia Kulina, MD

Specialty: Endocrinology, Internal Medicine
Medical School: Jefferson Medical College, PA
Residency: Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Practice: Mather Endocrinology

Liza Leung, MD

Specialty: Emergency Medicine
Medical School: Washington University Hospital, MO
Residency: Mount Sinai Medical Center
Practice: Mather Emergency Department

Zhongju Lu, MD

Specialty: Internal Medicine
Medical School: Xianning Medical College, China
Residency: SUNY Health Science Center-Stony Brook
Practice: Mather Primary Care

Seemab Malik, MD

Specialty: Internal Medicine
Medical School: Lahore Medical & Dental College
Residency: Prince George's Hospital Center, MD; SUNY Health Science Center, Stony Brook
Practice: Mather Primary Care

William McCormick, MD

Specialty: Neurological Surgery
 Medical School: University of Rochester
 Residency: Cleveland Clinic Foundation, OH
 Practice: Long Island Neurosurgical & Pain Specialists, West Islip

Sandip Parikh, MD

Specialty: General Surgery
 Medical School: New York University
 Residency: Long Island Jewish Medical Center
 Practice: Colon & Rectal Surgical Specialists of NY, Garden City

Pankti Patel, MD

Specialty: Bariatric Surgery, General Surgery
 Medical School: University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago
 Residency: University of Illinois Hospital, Chicago
 Practice: New York Bariatric Group, PC

Joshua Ryan, MD

Specialty: Neurological Surgery
 Medical School: University of North Carolina Hospitals, Chapel Hill
 Residency: Georgetown University, Washington, DC
 Practice: Long Island Neurosurgical & Pain Specialists, West Islip

Cesar Sanz, MD

Specialty: General Surgery
 Medical School: SUNY Downstate Medical Center
 Residency: Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Camden, NJ
 Practice: Colon & Rectal Surgical Specialists of NY, Garden City

Saurabh Sharma, MD

Specialty: General Surgery, Bariatric Surgery
 Medical School: Maulana Azad Medical College, India
 Residency: New York Presbyterian Hospital
 Practice: Long Island Laparoscopic Surgery

Susan Snyder, DMD

Specialty: Oral Surgery
 Medical School: Boston University; University of Kentucky-Chandler Medical Center, Lexington
 Residency: University of Kentucky-Kentucky Clinic, Lexington
 Practice: Long Island Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Associates, LLP, Selden

Anze Urh, MD

Specialty: Obstetrics & Gynecology
 Medical School: University Of Miami School of Medicine
 Residency: Baylor College of Medicine, TX
 Practice: Northwell Health Physician Partners

Sai-Kit Wong, DO

Specialty: Anesthesiology
 Medical School: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
 Residency: SUNY Downstate Medical Center
 Practice: Long Island Anesthesia Physicians, LLP, Rocky Point

Salvatore Zavarella, DO

Specialty: Neurological Surgery
 Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, Old Westbury
 Residency: North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset
 Practice: Long Island Neurosurgical & Pain Specialists

Project ACHIEVE Aims to Improve Care Transitions for Patients, Families

Mather was a patient recruitment site for Project ACHIEVE (Achieving Patient-Centered Care and Optimized Health In Care Transitions by Evaluating the Value of Evidence), a



Lorraine Farrell, AVP Medical Affairs and Richard Daly, NP, Hospital Medicine

five-year \$15 million study aimed at understanding what matters most to patients and caregivers during the transition from hospital to home and how hospitals can improve this care transition. The study was funded by the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). When completed by 2019, it will develop best-practice recommendations for patient-centered care strategies that hospitals can implement to improve the hospital discharge process.

Despite the intensity of efforts launched in the past decade to understand how to reduce unnecessary healthcare utilization, reduce hospital readmissions and improve patient experience, patients and their family members still experience less than optimal transitions from hospital to home (i.e., care transitions).

In order to improve patient and family caregiver experiences and outcomes associated with care transitions, Project ACHIEVE comprehensively analyzed this process at more than 40 hospital sites nationwide. At Mather Hospital, Lorraine Farrell, AVP Medical Affairs and Richard Daly, NP Hospital Medicine worked together to launch the project and identify patients, as well as caregivers, who were eligible for the study.

“Participation in the ACHIEVE project will help staff at Mather to learn what matters most to patients and caregivers regarding care transitions (hospital to home and hospital to skilled nursing facility),” Farrell said. “This is the first research study of its kind and although various strategies are used by staff to smooth these transitions, we do not know which strategies are most effective. Knowledge of effective strategies allows Mather staff to improve discharge planning processes that may reduce readmission rates and improve patient satisfaction with care.”

Service Excellence Awards are given monthly to employees whose professional



September 2017



October 2017



November 2017

Brittany Abbate
 Kelly Abbe
 Frances Abbott
 Imelda Abejar
 Monica Aiza Abrenica
 Lauren Acierno
 Kathleen Adams
 Brenda Lei Agaton
 Ryan Agaton
 Nadine Agoha
 Johanna Agudelo
 Deanna Alban
 Lindsay Albanese
 Alexandra Alexander
 Brian Alfredsen
 Darlene Alicastro
 Kristin Allen
 Tashia Allen
 Nicole Amendola
 Carly Antone
 Donna Apinis
 Allison Archbold
 Deborah Austin
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 Franco Baingan
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 Deirdre Benson
 Douglas Bergman
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 Vanessa Bishop
 Emily Blunnie
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 Craig Clavin
 Kristen Clifford
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 Donna Collins
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 Jennifer Condlin
 Sara Connelly
 Sandie Connolly
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 Richard Daly
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 Lauren Haizlip
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 Samantha Harwood
 Allison Hawkins
 Patsy Hayward
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 Joseph Heir
 Ashley Herrera
 Tiffany Hess
 Megan Hickey
 Angela Higgins
 Linda Hill
 Dr. Yuval Hiltzik
 Maria Hofbauer

Excellence Awards

Excellence and consideration have been singled out by patients and/or their families.



October 2017



January 2018



February 2018

Rosemarie Hofmann
Jason Holshoe
Audrey Homis
Lyla Hongthong
Kevin Hood
Tracy Hopkins
Linda Howlett
Heather Hrostowski
Dr. Syed Hussaini
Lindsay Iacobacci
Donna Jablonski
Barbara Jacome
Brian Jamison
Tanyaneka Jefferson
Kathleen Jochen
Toni Johnston
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Michael Lospinuso
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Veronica Marciano
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Joshua Martino
Christine Marziliano
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Margaret Massaro
Geraldine Massimino
Nicole Matthews
Alicea Mattler
Cynthia Mattson
Leon Maxwell
Anita Mayer
Laura McCoy
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Lauren Monroe
Marissa Morgan
Cristina Movsesyan
Kristina Moylan
Tracey Mulderig
Kurt Muller
Anne Munkwitz
Amy Munoz
Felicia Murphy
Dana Muse
Jessica Musiello
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Jovan Nelson
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Jared Nichi
Dr. Juliet Nichols
Jenna Nostramo
Katherine Nowaski
Patricia Nugent
Patricia O'Brien
Alice O'Connell
Janice O'Connor
Marguerite O'Dwyer
Gospel Ofuyah
Jamie O'Hara
Jenna Marie O'Leary
Nancy Oles
Erik Olsen
Courtney O'Mahoney
Ashley Orquera
Nicole Paccione
Bryce Paganas
Ashley Pagano
Amanda Paisello

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Kimberly Shapiro
Kieran Shaughnessy
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Alicia Sheron
Jacqueline Shields-Figueroa
Grace Shin
Chanel Shinn
Deborah Shull
Jacquelyn Signorelli
Jill Snelders
Agnieszka Sobolewska
Dr. Jacob Sokol (continued)



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Andrew Soldano
 Jenna Sonnenberg
 Tara Sottile
 Tiffany Sperrazza
 Tabitha Spinelli
 Jerry Stallone
 Stefanie Stamatiades
 Karen Starin
 Darlene Steigman
 Susanna Stone
 Meghan Strebel
 Dana Strittmatter
 Justin Stroker
 Marion Sturgis
 Mary Ann Sundquist
 Nicole Supovitz
 Jason Swartz
 Katherine Swartz

Michelle Swensen
 Kimberly Swezey
 Sharon Tambasco
 Najmi Tanwir
 Roanie Taveras
 Elizabeth Taylor
 Julie Tegay
 Michelle Tempelman
 Margaret Tepedino
 Antonella Termini
 Paul Theiss
 Christina Thompson
 Maria Timpone-Kundm-
 ueller
 Dr. Nataliya Titarenko
 Jasmine Torres
 Gina Trapani
 Deseree Travis

Brian Trusley
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 Victoria Vallance
 Betsy Van Bourgondien
 Jillian VanEssendelft
 Krista VanHove
 Janet Vazquez
 Laina Vazquez
 Michelle Vega
 Brittany Ventura
 Joseph Veselak
 Julia Vetere
 Lee Viggiano
 Rosa Villatoro
 Jeannette Voelger
 Kristy Vutrano
 Matthew Wagner
 Stephanie Wanlass

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 Edward Weckerle
 Elizabeth Wehrli
 Steven Weiss
 Laura Wells
 Susan White
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 Maryanne Wisniewski
 Esther Wissing
 Halina Wiszowaty
 John Woehrle
 Loren Wolf
 Kelly Wooten

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Employee Service Award Dinner

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20 years of service



15 years of service



15 years of service



10 years of service



10 years of service



10 years of service



5 years of service



5 years of service



5 years of service



5 years of service

Mather Recertified as a Magnet® Hospital

Mather Hospital once again earned the prestigious Magnet® recognition from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). The announcement came in March via a call from the ANCC in a room filled with nurses, administration and other staff. Mather first earned Magnet® recognition in 2013.

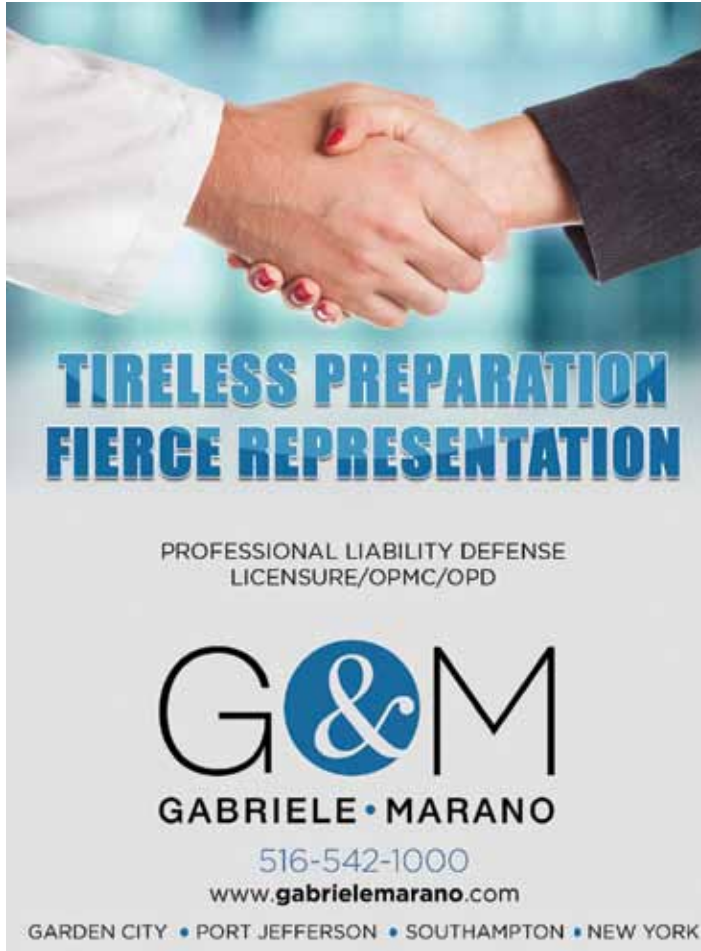
The Magnet Recognition Program® recognizes healthcare organizations for quality patient care, nursing excellence and innovations in professional nursing practice. Developed by ANCC, Magnet is the leading source of successful nursing practices and strategies worldwide. Fewer than 500 hospitals worldwide have earned the Magnet® designation.

“I would like to thank the entire Mather staff for their dedication and excellence in patient care outcomes. This is



truly an amazing achievement,” said Marie Mulligan, PhD, RN, who is vice president for nursing and chief nursing officer at Mather. “Along with our re-designation we received an exemplar for recognition of our nurses who are highly immersed in evidence-based practice and research. Much thanks to Dr. Judith Moran-Peters and Sarah Eckardt.”

Research demonstrates that Magnet® recognition provides specific benefits to health care organizations and their communities, such as improved patient experience, better patient outcomes and higher job satisfaction among nurses. To achieve Magnet® recognition, organizations must pass a rigorous and lengthy process that demands widespread participation from leadership and staff. This process includes an electronic application, written documentation, an on-site visit, and a review by the Commission on Magnet® Recognition.



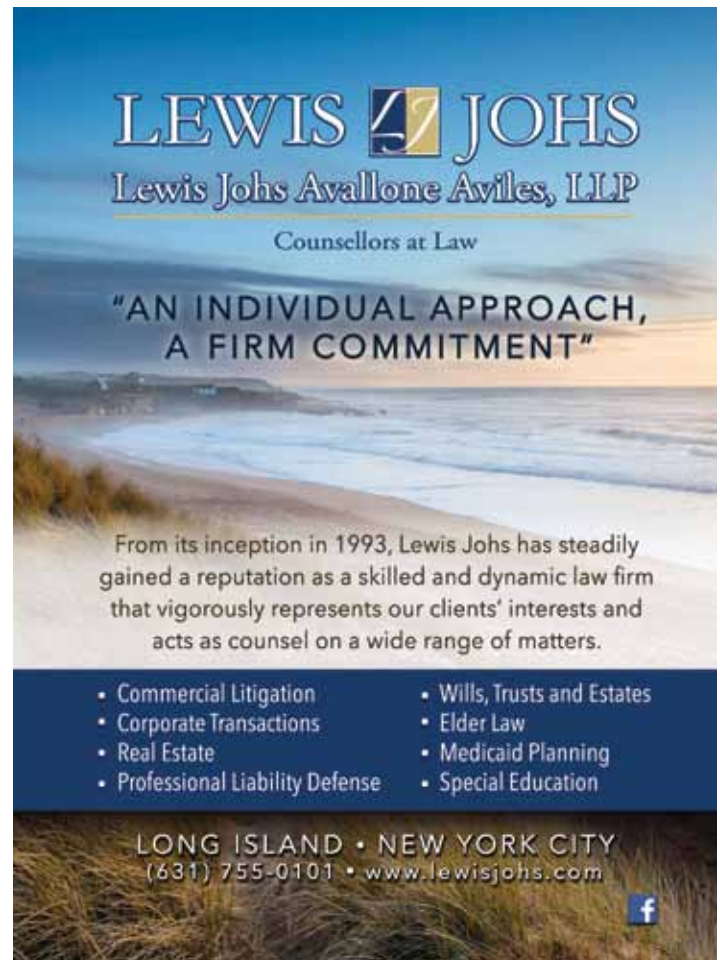
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2018 Nursing Awards



Roy Zuckerberg Family Award: Melissa Pearson, BSN, RN, PCCN, Emergency Department



Clinical Nurse Award: Gail Griffett, RN, Operating Room RN



“Rookie” Award: Grace Shin, BSN, RN, 2 East
Not pictured: **Nursing Assistant Award:** Kaitlyn Wagner, 3 North; **Unit Secretary Award:** Karen Erato, 2 East

Clockwise from far left:

DAISY Award winner Robyn Jackson, BSN, RN, of 2E received the DAISY Award. She is congratulated by (l to r) AnneMarie Doodian, MSN, RN; CNO VP for Nursing Marie Mulligan, PhD, RN; and Mather President Kenneth Roberts. DAISY is a national nursing recognition program. Jackson was nominated by the family of a patient she had cared for.

Nurse of Excellence Award: Sandra Brown, BSN, RN, Nursing Informatics.

Nurse Leader Award: Jeanne Brennan, BSN, RN-BC, 2E

Advanced Practice Nurse Award: Nita Malik, NP-C.

Mather Earns National Stroke Patient Care Awards

In recognition of its quality care for stroke patients, Mather Hospital received the 2018 American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes the hospital’s commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

Leo Sternlicht (continued from page 1)

JD from the University of Virginia. He was admitted to the Ohio state bar in 1978 and practiced law there until 1983.

Since 1983, Mr. Sternlicht and his brother-in-law, Ted Lucki, have owned and operated car dealerships in Riverhead, currently Riverhead Ford Lincoln, Riverhead Buick GMC, and Riverhead Toyota. He has served on Mather’s Board of Directors since 2004, most recently as treasurer. A resident of Belle Terre, Mr. Sternlicht is the father of five children.

Mather earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients. These measures include evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments aligned with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Before discharge, patients also receive education on managing their health, get a follow-up visit scheduled, as well as other care transition interventions.

Mather also received the Target: StrokeSM Elite award, given to hospitals that meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient’s arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator (tPA), the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke.

volunteer/auxiliary matters

Volunteers of the Month:



May 2017
Joan Quenzer



June 2017
Nancy Petrocca



July 2017
Lucille Jankowski



August 2017
Jared Zunino



September 2017
George Lurz



January 2018
Fran Donadio



February 2018
George Wadman



May 2018
Joseph Sarabia

Volunteer Milestones:

1,000 hours

Marilyn Brewer
Jeanne Danowski
Penny Graff
Joseph Preller
(Junior volunteer)
Joseph Schwarz

2,000 hours

Virginia Oliver
Joan Quenzer
Ann Bayard

3,000 hours

Santo Giampapa
John Rich Tuckosh

4,000 hours

Robert Casey

6,000 hours

Barbara Junior

7,000 hours

Nancy Hutchinson
Barbara Zinna

9,000 hours

Louise Grinere



Jenna Friedman (left) and Alexis Burlison (right), junior volunteers and recent graduates of Shoreham-Wading River High School, received college awards from the Mather Auxiliary. Both gave more than 300 hours of service and plan to pursue nursing careers. They are with Auxiliary President Barbara Zinna (center), former Chairman Kenneth Jacoppi (far left) and President Kenneth Roberts (far right).



Thank you!

Mather's Auxiliary President Barbara Zinna (center) presented a check for \$225,000 to former Chairman Kenneth Jacoppi (left center) and President Kenneth Roberts (right center) toward the purchase special infection control curtains to be used in patient care rooms and areas. Auxiliary Board members and Kerri Dunne, Director of Volunteer Services (second from right), look on.

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President's Message *(continued from page 2)*

Service

Kenneth Jacoppi was one of 26 hospital and health care organization trustees honored this spring by the United Hospital Fund for extraordinary leadership and service.

Quality & Safety

Mather was recertified as a Magnet® hospital, one of fewer than 500 hospitals worldwide to earn that prestigious distinction. This was followed by accreditation of NYS's first Graduate Nurse Transition to Practice Residency Program.

We received the top "A" rating for patient safety and quality from The Leapfrog Group. Mather has earned an "A" in 11 of the past 13 rating periods.

Family Matters *(continued from page 16)*

York Institute of Technology as a physician's assistant.

Promotions/Appointments

3 North: Betsy VanBourgonien, RN, was promoted to night Assistant Nurse Manager. **Mather Auxiliary:** Dale Kulak was named corresponding secretary and Janice Krass was named treasurer of the Mather Hospital Auxiliary.

Retirements

HIM: Cathy Malinowski retired after 23 years in Medical Records. **V2E:** Carol Cruz retired as the Voyage to Excellence Coordinator.

Milestone Life Events

3 North: Betsy VanBourgonien, RN, had a baby girl named Pierce. Jessica Laterza, NA, had a baby girl named Giavanna. Agnes Sobolewska, RN, became a grandmother for the second time. Gina Greco, RN, and Ailsa Massini, NA, were recently married. **Bariatrics:** Linda Folken became a grandmother on January 20 of a baby girl named Ava Lynn. **Finance:** Congratulations on the recent engagement of Stephanie Holland to James Lochren. **Food & Nutritional Services:** Gigi and John Santomauro became grandparents once again with the birth of Mya Sierra English who arrived on March 19. Robin Thornton became a grandmother for the second and third time with the birth of identical twin boys, Dante Jay and Jordan Devin Hamilton, on April 23, 2018. Hector Gonzales and Amanda M. recently became engaged. **Infection Prevention and Control:** *Correction – Filippa Russo gave birth to a baby boy, Everett Luca, last August.* **Information Services:** Congratulations to first-time grandma Christa Dwyer, whose grandson Kevin Michael Dwyer III was born on May 26. Congratulations to first-time parents Samantha and Joseph Sexton on the birth of Coleson Anthony Sexton on June 8. **Nursing Quality:** Congratulations to Mary Jane Fisher, RN, on the birth of her first granddaughter, Alana Mae. **Respiratory Care:** Respiratory Therapist Raffaele Devivo was married in May to Jennifer

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Innovation & Growth

Mather was a patient recruitment site for Project ACHIEVE, a five-year \$15 million study aimed at understanding what matters most to patients and caregivers during the transition from hospital to home and how hospitals can improve this care transition. Thanks to Lorraine Farrell, AVP Medical Affairs, and Richard Daly, NP, Hospital Medicine, who worked together to launch the project and identify patients, as well as caregivers, that were eligible for the study.

Park. Respiratory therapist Claudia Urbina is engaged to Sid Mohamed. **Revenue Cycle:** Carol Cruz welcomed her new granddaughter into the world. Allie James Cruz was born on June 1. Allie is Carol's fifth grandchild. **Telemetry:** Teresa Scalzo, CNA, became a grandma on April 29 to grandson Logan. **Ultrasound:** Sonographer Dakota Spataro and husband Dave had a baby girl, Charlotte, on May 9. Sonographer Brianna Hickey and x-ray tech Mark Profitt welcomed baby Taylor on April 30.



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family matters

Educational and/or Professional

2E/2E Step Down: Divina Fordham, RN, passed her Med-Surg certification exam. Catrina Greffe, RN, graduated from Stony Brook University with a Master's of Science in Adult-Gerontology as a Nurse Practitioner. Jennifer Flanagan, RN, obtained her BSN from Chamberlain College. Ginger Postiglione, RN, Judee Falcone, RN, Kirsten Konsevitch, RN, and Maggie Liquori, RN, all obtained their BSN from SUNY Empire State College. Joan Landers, RN, received her BSN from Capella University. Michelle Giuffrida, RN, received her BSN from Stony Brook University. Michelle Giuffrida, BSN from Stony Brook University. Anthony Ljuovic received a BS Computer Science and Mathematics from St. Joseph's College. Bonnie Moore, RN, Catrina Greffe, RN, Jessica Brett, RN, Robyn Jackson, RN, and Barbara Jacome, RN, all obtained their Med/Surg Certification. Jeanne Brennan, RN, received her Master of Science degree as a Clinical Nurse Leader from Sacred Heart University. **3 North:** Christina Movsesyan received her MSN as NP. Ee-Lin Yeo, RN, received CCRN certification. Dianne Osorio, RN, received PCCN certification. Lauren Piazza and Carli Pusateri graduated with RN degrees. **Administration:** Christine Bilbao was promoted to Assistant to the Senior Vice President. Michele Clark was promoted to Assistant to the Vice President. **Emergency Department:** Christine Kadien, RN, and Dianne Collazo, RN, received their BSN. Assistant Nurse Manager Christine Carbone, RN,

received her MBA. Alexandra Galan, New Graduate RN was recognized by the New York State Emergency Nurses Association and received the Rising Star Award. Melissa Pearson, RN, received the Zuckenburg Family Foundation for Nursing Service Excellence Award from Northwell Health. Victoria Coto, RN, Maria Enriquez, RN, Tara Bauer, RN, and Andrew Soldano, RN, received their ENPC (Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course) certification. **Food & Nutritional Services:** Congratulations to all of our recent graduates: Trevor Calleja, Stony Brook University; Brittany Erario, St. Joseph's College; Kiersten Falcone, Stony Brook University; James Forbes, Sacred Heart University; Simone, Livreri, James Madison University. Joseph Aliano, Jr., Director of Food and Nutritional Services, graduated from St. Joseph's College and is the 2018 recipient of St. Joseph's College Alumni Achievement Award in Health Care and Human Services. **Hospital Medicine:** Imtiaz Khokhar, MD, was elected to Fellowship in the American College of Physicians. **Infection Prevention and Control:** Christine MacEntee, RN, graduated in May from Stony Brook University with a Master of Science in Nursing Education. **Professional and Regulatory:** Lori Gomolka, who was promoted to Director of Medical Staff Credentialing, received a new certification – CPMSM – Certified Professional in Medical Services Management. **Respiratory Care:** Respiratory therapist Matthew Stapelkamp graduated from New
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