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Mather and NSHOA to Launch Precision CyberKnife®

Mather Hospital together with North Shore Hematology Oncology Associates plans to launch a CyberKnife® program this summer. The program will be called Precision CyberKnife® and will be located at 181 N. Belle Mead Rd. in East Setauket. North Shore radiation oncologists Martin Silverstein, MD, and Joseph Cirrone, MD, have



been trained in the use of CyberKnife®.

CyberKnife® Robotic Radiosurgery is a non-invasive alternative to surgery for the treatment of both cancerous and non-cancerous tumors

anywhere in the body, including the prostate, lung, brain, spine, liver, pancreas and kidney.

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The CyberKnife® treatment involves no cutting. In fact, the CyberKnife® System is the world's first and only robotic radiosurgery system designed to treat tumors throughout the body. It provides a pain-free, non-surgical option for patients who have inoperable or surgically complex tumors, or who may be looking for an alternative to surgery.

Imaging Services Adds Second, Advanced 3T MRI



Mather's new 3T High Field MRI allows a wider range of tests with better imaging in a shorter period of time.

Mather's Imaging Services Department has added a second, highly advanced GE MRI that will allow technologists to perform a wider range of tests with better imaging results in a shorter period of time. The new 3T MRI is anticipated to be in service August 2014.

The new unit is a 3 Tesla (3T) high field MRI. Tesla is a measure of magnetic field strength. MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) is a non-invasive procedure that produces high resolution images of organs, tissues, nerves, and the skeletal system using magnetic fields and radio waves. Typical procedures conducted with the 3T MRI include neurological scans and musculoskeletal exams. The current high field 1.5 T will optimize MRIs of

the breast, body and those patients requiring sedation by the anesthesia team. Operating both systems allows for safe imaging of those patients with implants that may not be introduced to the 3T area.

The new unit, which is approximately 25 percent faster than a 1.5 Tesla system, will provide better detection of subtle lesions, clearer views of arteries and veins – often without the need for contrast injections – and the ability to scan the prostate. A motion correction feature will result in better images for patients who are unable to fully be still during the exams. A new imaging technique can provide a whole body scan that can be used for lymphoma patients to assess lesions on organs outside the lymph nodes.

The new 3T MRI can accommodate patients up to 350 pounds in a less claustrophobic environment while patients listen to music of their choice.

The MRI department is open 7 days a week: Monday-Friday, 7:30 am-10 pm; Saturday, 7:30 am-8 pm; and Sunday, 8 am-4 pm.



President's Column

Whoever coined the term "summer doldrums" obviously didn't visit Mather Hospital this summer. This has been an especially exciting and busy time for us, marked by innovation and growth that will help ensure our ability to meet the changing healthcare needs of the communities we serve.

On July 1, we welcomed our first class of Internal Medicine residents. These 19 residents of varied backgrounds will quickly become familiar faces around Mather as they make their rounds, ask questions of our medical staff, work with our nursing staff and other departments and join us in the cafeteria. They represent an investment in our collective future as we address the shortage of primary care doctors.

We also prepared for our summer launch of a CyberKnife® Robotic Radiosurgery program in partnership with North Shore Hematology Oncology Associates. Precision CyberKnife®, as our program will be known, will be located in East Setauket. North Shore radiation oncologists Martin Silverstein, MD, and Joseph Cirrone, MD, will use the CyberKnife® to treat tumors throughout the body non-invasively.

Another investment in medical technology is our new 3 Tesla MRI. Situated in the space formerly occupied by Physical Therapy next to our existing MRI, this new machine expands our ability to diagnose disease through the use of magnetic fields and radio waves. The addition of a second MRI will also help us to better meet the present demands of our outpatient radiology business.

To better enable our patients to monitor their health, we created Follow/MyHealth, our patient portal that gives patients 24/7 online access to their medical information at Mather. This includes test results, lab results, visit summaries and discharge summaries. The implementation of a patient portal is a requirement of the Meaningful Use 2 program of the Federal Government.

We have continued to develop our Mather Care TV, a patient education system that will be available in patient rooms, recovery areas and our Infusion Center. The system will feature health education videos, a real-time service request system, and discharge planning and patient care information.

Finally, work has continued all summer on our building addition, which is scheduled for a Summer 2015 completion. The Arthur & Linda Calace Family Pavilion, which will add more than 28,400 square feet of space to the existing hospital, will house a 35-single-bedded patient care unit; offices and teaching facilities for our Graduate Medical Education Program; and a state-of-the-art conference center.

People

Dr. Nicholas Kolanko joined us as the new Medical Director of Imaging Services.

Dr. Marie Basile, Assistant VP of Medical Affairs, was installed as president of the Suffolk County Medical Society.

Susan Morin, RN, Director of Adolescent Partial Hospitalization and Eating Disorder programs, was named a finalist by Nursing.com in the prestigious GEM (Giving Excellence Meaning) Awards in the category of Home, Community and Ambulatory Care. She now represents the New York-New Jersey region in the national awards.

Mary Ferrara, RN, was chosen as our Nassau Suffolk Hospital Council Nurse of Excellence Award nominee at the annual Nursing Recognition Awards Ceremony in May.

Marie Mulligan, RN, Vice President for Nursing/Chief Nursing Officer, and **B. Hannah Ortiz, MD**, Director of our Department of Gynecology, were honored earlier this year by the Town of Brookhaven at the annual Women's Recognition Awards.

Service

Congratulations to all the Mather employees honored at our annual Employee Service Awards. This year we had two employees who were honored for 45 years of service – **Petra Robinson** of Food & Nutritional Services and **Valerie LaRosa** of Finance.

The Capstone Award was given to the team that led the successful effort to achieve Magnet® recognition from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. *(continued on page 15)*



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Mather Earns Straight A's from Leapfrog Group

This spring Mather Hospital received The Leapfrog Group's top "A" Hospital Safety Score for the fifth consecutive ratings period. Mather is one of only two hospitals on Long Island and one of only 251 hospitals nationwide to have achieved an "A" grade in all five releases of the Hospital Safety Score.

The Leapfrog Group is an independent national nonprofit focused on breakthrough improvements in the safety, quality and affordability of healthcare. Leapfrog assigns scores of A,

B, C, D or F to hospitals based on preventable medical errors, injuries, accidents and infections.

"I congratulate the Mather Family on this latest recognition of our continuing dedication to patient safety," said Mather President Kenneth Roberts. "Quality and safety – along with people, service, innovation and growth – are core pillars of the culture at Mather Hospital. These pillars underscore all we do."

FollowMyHealth Patient Portal Launched at Mather Hospital

To provide better patient care, Mather Hospital introduced its patient portal FollowMyHealth on July 1. FollowMyHealth gives patients 24/7 online access to their medical information at Mather such as their test results, lab results, visit summary and discharge summary. The implementation of a patient portal is a requirement of Meaningful Use 2.

Upon admission, patients are asked to provide their email address so that an invitation to create an account on FollowMyHealth can be sent. Patients may grant family access to their portal if they choose. The Social Work Department will assist in registering inpatients who have expressed an interest prior to their discharge.

Employees may request an invitation to create an account by sending their legal name, birthdate, last four numbers of their social security number and personal email address to followmyhealth@matherhospital.org. Because FMH connects with patients' electronic medical records, you must have used services at Mather Hospital since February 2012 in order to create an account.



Access to the FollowMyHealth at Mather Hospital is free. Mather will not share or sell emails with any other organization or individual. Only medical information generated by Mather Hospital after December 31, 2013 will be available.

Patient Access Staff Strengthen First Impression

The Patient Access Department launched a number of initiatives this year to provide the best customer service

experience for patients. Through a New York State Department of Labor grant, Patient Access staff received customer service training from the Workforce Development Group, Inc., an organization that specializes in

improving the customer experience. The training covered a variety of topics, including:

- What Do Patients Want?
- What is an Outstanding Patient Experience?
- Patient Satisfaction vs. Patient Loyalty
- It "IS" What You Say and How You Say It
- Dealing with Difficult Patients

In addition to the workshops, Patient Access invested in new uniforms for the staff. Kelly Mullane, Director of Patient Access, said the uniforms reflect the staff's professionalism and make a good first impression on patients and their families. "It takes just moments for a patient or a patient's family to evaluate us and Mather Hospital," Mullane said. "First impressions can be difficult to undo, so making those first encounters positive is extremely important."



Patient Access staff (from left) Shelley Rosenfeld, Kristi Murphy, Jasmine Torres and Jennifer Bruce.



SERVICE EXCEL

Service Excellence Awards are given monthly to employees whose professionalism



January 2014



February 2014

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 Maria Dutra
 Grace Ebinger
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 Noel Eloriaga

Emily Emma
 Jean Englezos
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 Judee Falcone
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 Jennifer Ferrer
 Joseph Ferreri
 Mary Allison Fiedler
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and consideration have been singled out by patients and/or their families.



March 2014



April 2014



May 2014

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Kandace Maniaci
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Bridget Moley
Melodie Montefusco
Bonnie Moore
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Marissa Morgan
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Stella Repko
Kristina Repperger
Sharon Rhodes
Stacy Ricca
Michele Richards
Meredith Rickenbacker
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Mirian Rodriguez
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Perry Shapiro
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Christine Silverman
Patricia Slokovitz
Janice Smith
Agnieszka Sobolewska
Jacob Sokol
Bradley Spangher
Darlene Specht
Richard Squillace
Sara Steele
John Strahmann
Dana Strittmatter
Marion Sturgis
Jennifer Swanson
Jason Swartz
Andrea Szarek
Najmi Tanwir
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Julie Tegay
Margaret Tepedino

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Sharon Zariello
Farid Zeidan



NURSING matters

2014 Nursing Recognition Awards

On May 6 the Nursing Department presented its annual Nursing Recognition Awards. The winners were:

- **Mather Nurse of Excellence Nominee** – Mary Ferrara, BSN, RN, OCN, Nurse Manager, 2 South and Infusion Center
- **Nurse.com Nursing Excellence GEM Award** – Susan Morin, NP, PMHCNS-BC, Director, Adolescent and Eating Disorders/ Partial Hospitalization Programs
- **Nurse Leader of the Year** – Carolyn Germaine, BSN, RN, OCN, Assistant Nurse Manager, 2 South
- **The Virginia Henderson Award** – Kathleen Jochen, RN, RN-BC, Partial Hospitalization-Eating Disorders Programs
- **RN Community Service Award** – Katherine Johnson, BSN, RN, ICU
- **APN/CNS Award** – Lauren Diot, ANP-BC, 3 South
- **RN Preceptor of the Year** – Rosa Nania, RN, ICU; Maryanne Wisniewski, RN, 2 South
- **RN Rookie of the Year** – Nicole Santora, BSN, RN, ICU
- **Nursing Assistant of the Year** – Laura Nicolosi, NA, 2 East
- **Unit Secretary of the Year** – Anna Gundel-Pena, Step Down Unit




NURSE OF EXCELLENCE: *Marie Mulligan, MSN, RN, CNOR, NEA-BC, VP of Nursing congratulates Mary Ferrara, BSN, RN, OCN, Mather's Nurse of Excellence nominee for 2014 for the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council. Ferrara is Nurse Manager of 2 South and the Infusion Center and has worked at Mather for 14 years. She earned her BSN from D'Youville College in Buffalo, NY and is board certified in oncology, chemotherapy and biotherapy. She provides leadership and guidance to the nursing staff and her knowledge, expertise and clinical skills are an example of excellence in clinical practice.*




NURSE LEADER: *Marie Mulligan, RN, MSN, RN, CNOR, NEA-BC, VP of Nursing, congratulates Carolyn Germaine, BSN, RN, OCN, Assistant Nurse Manager of 2 South, on her selection as Nurse Leader of the Year. According to her nomination, "Carolyn always remains calm and respectful in the midst of the unavoidable chaos that sometimes goes along with the day-to-day flow of our oncology unit. On more than one occasion, I have heard her say, no matter what, we are representing the hospital as a whole, and she acts accordingly. Carolyn also encourages staff by supporting further education and by encouraging us to become Oncology Nursing Society certified. After passing the exam herself, she then generously offered to mentor all of us as a group by hosting study sessions at her own home."*


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Magnet® Team Honored with Capstone Award



The Capstone Award, which recognizes an interdisciplinary team that has worked together to achieve sustained excellence in clinical quality and service, was presented at the Employee Service Awards dinner to the team that led the effort to achieve Magnet® recognition from the Ameri-

can Nurses Credentialing Center. Marie Mulligan, MSN, RN, CNOR, NEA-BC, Vice President for Nursing and Chief Nursing Officer, led the initiative, which involved individuals and departments from throughout the Hospital.



Susan Morin, RN Named GEM Award Regional Winner

Susan Morin, RN, MS, PMHCNS-BC, NPP, Director of Mather's Adolescent Partial Hospitalization and Eating Disorder Programs, was named a NY-NJ regional winner in Nurse.com's prestigious Nursing Excellence GEM (Giving Excellence Meaning) Awards. Morin won in the Home, Community and Ambulatory Care category, and moves on to the national awards. Pictured (left to right) are Senior Vice President Kevin Murray; AVP for Behavioral Health Jean McCarrick, RN, NEBC; Director of Inpatient Psychiatry Tara Howard-Saunders, RN, NP, MSN; Morin; Susanne Meyers, RN, MS, PMHNP-BC; and Kathleen Jochen, RNC.

Mather Nurses Publish Study

The findings of a study conducted by four Mather nurses were featured in an article in the May/June 2014 issue of the *Journal of Infusion Nursing*.

"Investigating the Impact of Blood Culture Bundles on the Incidence of Blood Culture Contamination Rates" was co-authored by Theresa Murphy, BS, RN, CRN, VA-BC, CRNI®; Deborah Maile, RN, AAS, CIC, CRCST; Tara Barsch, BS, MT, ASCP; and Florence Jordan, PhD, RN, ANP, CNE.

According to the Abstract, the purpose of this descriptive, comparative study was to evaluate the effectiveness of blood culture bundles on blood cultures drawn through a central venous access device (CVAD) and contamination rates. The study revealed a 61 percent decrease in blood culture contamination rates.

welcome **new** doctors


Advorah Balsam, MD

Specialty: Radiology
 Medical School: Albert Einstein College of Medicine, NY
 Residency: Radiology, Albert Einstein/Jacobi Hospital, NY
 Fellowship: Pediatric Radiology, Babies Hospital-Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, NY
 Practice: Stony Brook Radiology, HSC L4, Room 120, Stony Brook (631-444-5400)

Cliff Bernstein, MD

Specialty: Radiology
 Medical School: Stony Brook School of Medicine
 Residency: Diagnostic Radiology, Harlem Hospital Center, NY
 Fellowship: Breast Imaging, Stony Brook Radiology Department
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Thomas Costello, MD, PT

Specialty: Family Medicine
 Medical School: St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada
 Residency: Family Medicine, Stony Brook School of Medicine
 Practice: Mather Primary Care, 125 Oakland Ave., Ste. 205, Port Jefferson (631-686-2523)

Nicholas Kolanko, MD

Specialty: Radiology
 Medical School: Creighton University School of Medicine, OH
 Residency: Diagnostic Imaging, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, IL
 Fellowship: Musculoskeletal Radiology, University of Michigan Health System, IL
 Practice: Stony Brook Radiology, HSC L4, Room 120, Stony Brook (631-444-5400)

Brian Kwitkin, MD

Specialty: Surgery
 Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica
 Residencies: Surgery, University of Miami, FL and Cooper University Hospital, NJ
 Fellowship: Vascular Surgery, Cooper University Hospital, NJ
 Practice: Premier Surgical, 100 N. Belle Meade Rd., Ste. D, East Setauket (631-751-8907)

Abram Mozes, MD

Specialty: Cardiology
 Medical School: Brown University School of Medicine, RI
 Residency: Boston Medical Center, MA
 Fellowships: Cardiology, Stony Brook University Medical Center; Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology, Tufts University Medical Center
 Practice: Island Cardiovascular Associates, 496 Smithtown Bypass, Ste. 101, Smithtown (631-979-8880)

Myat Myo, MBBS*

Specialty: Hospital Medicine
 Medical School: Institute of Medicine, Myanmar
 Residency: Internal Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine/North General Hospital
 Practice: Mather Hospitalist Program

Harinder Sawhney, MD

Specialty: Hospital Medicine
 Medical School: Dayanand Medical College, India
 Residency: Internal Medicine, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, NY
 Practice: Mather Hospitalist Program

**MBBS is the equivalent of an MD for doctors who attend medical school in countries such as the United Kingdom, India and Pakistan.*



Joseph Ng, MD, Named Physician Champion

Joseph Ng, MD, has been named 2014 Physician Champion of the Year. Ng, Chief Medical Information Officer and an intensivist, was selected by Mather employees as the physician who consistently demonstrates the highest standards in all areas of respect, communication, patient care, compassion, leadership and consideration. Hospital President Kenneth Roberts presented the award to Ng at the annual Employee Service Awards.

Nicholas Kolanko, MD, New Medical Director of Imaging Services



Nicholas Kolanko, MD, has been named the new Medical Director for Imaging Services. He is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Radiology at Stony Brook University in the Division of Musculoskeletal Imaging.

Kolanko previously worked at the University of Ottawa as Assistant Professor and Clinician Teacher of Musculoskeletal Radiology. Earlier in his career, he was a healthcare information technology consultant in Arnold, MD.

Kolanko, who resides in Stony Brook, obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Sciences at Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, NE. He completed an internship in Transitional Medicine at St. Luke's Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI. He completed his residency in Diagnostic Radiology at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL and his fellowship in Musculoskeletal Radiology at the University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, MI.

welcome new residents



Mather's Internal Medicine Residents: (left to right, top row): Neil Sutaria, MD; Sushanth Shankar, MBBS; Saurabh Patel, MD; Christopher Robert Adam, MD; Razvan Hurezeanu, MD; Aaron Charniak, MD; Ifeoma Okadigbo, MD; Alejandro Adolfo Robles-Torres, MD; (bottom row) Francesca Stare Ortenzio, MD; Ayesha Qadir, MD; Anna Dewan, MD; Megan Haberlein, MD; Urooj Qazi, MBBS; Madison Ray Ballard, MD; (rear), Neha Rupal Naik, MD; Jennifer Xiao Jun Yau, MD; Duy Minh Tran, MD; Zhongju Lu, MD; Mohit Sharma, MD.

Mather welcomed its first class of medical residents on July 1. The class consists of 19 Internal Medicine residents – 15 three-year residents and 4 one-year residents in a preliminary program who will go on to other specialties.

The new Internal Medicine Residency Program will help address the projected growing shortage of doctors and increased demand for primary care physicians. The program is the first of several planned residencies at Mather under the new Graduate Medical Education (GME) Program. Residencies also are planned in Family Practice Medicine, Psychiatry and Transitional Year. The Internal Medicine residency is sponsored by Stony Brook Medicine.

Christopher Robert Adam, MD

Medical School: SUNY Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine, Brooklyn
Undergraduate Education: State University of New York at Stony Brook
Hometown: Smithtown, NY
Interests/Hobbies: Photography, hiking, indoor rock climbing, weight training and nutrition, swimming, surfing, scuba diving, golf, soccer and playing guitar.

Madison Ray Ballard, MD

Medical School: St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada
Undergraduate Education: Mount Holyoke College
Hometown: Westport, CA
Interests/Hobbies: Backpacking, knitting, crocheting, fishing and reading.

Aaron Charniak, MD

Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica
Undergraduate Education: Colby College & Brown University
Hometown: Providence, RI
Interests/Hobbies: Avid cyclist, playing guitar, studied abroad in London, acted in high school and college, enjoys craft beers.

Anna Dewan, MD

Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica
Undergraduate Education: City College of New York
Hometown: Bronx, NY
Interests/Hobbies: Dancing, playing pool and ping pong, trying different foods.

Megan Haberlein, MD

Medical School: St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada
Undergraduate Education: University of Wisconsin - Parkside
Hometown: Waukesha, WI
Interests/Hobbies: Sports, music, scuba diving, baking and traveling.

Razvan Hurezeanu, MD

Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica
Undergraduate Education: Broward Community College & University of Florida
Hometown: Plantation, FL
Interests/Hobbies: Construction/remodeling, financial derivative trading and economics.

Zhongju Lu, MD

Medical School: Xianning Medical College/Hubei University of Science and Technology, China
Undergraduate Education: Xianning Medical College/Hubei University of Science and Technology
Hometown: Daye, China
Interests/Hobbies: Soccer, table tennis and reading.

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VOLUNTEER matters



Celebrating 65 Years of Service

Brookhaven Supervisor Edward P. Romaine (back row, center) presented the Mather Hospital Auxiliary with a proclamation declaring May 5, 2014 as "Mather Hospital Auxiliary Day" in recognition of the group's 65th anniversary. Auxiliary President Ida Forstel (front row, center) accepted the proclamation. Mather President Kenneth Roberts (back row left) and Chairman Kenneth Jacoppi (back row right) joined with Auxilians and Volunteers. The Auxiliary has raised more than \$5.7 million for the Hospital since its founding.



Auxiliary Donates to Building Project

Kenneth Jacoppi, Chairman of the Mather Hospital Board of Directors (left) and Mather Vice President Wayne Shattes (right) accept the Mather Auxiliary's donation of \$213,000 from Auxiliary board members (from left) Ida Forstel, Marge Fjfield, Barbara Zinna, Louise Grinere, Ann Bayard, Dorothy Milau and Nancy Hutchinson.



College Awards

Auxiliary President Ida Forstel (left), Mather Chairman Kenneth Jacoppi (second from left) and Mather Vice President Wayne Shattes (second from right) congratulate Auxiliary College Award winners Courtney Ruziecki, Kelsey Hatter, Julianne Martin, Aris Gonell, Evan Komorowski and Paige Swensen. (Also in photo, Sil Crino.) All completed a minimum of 300 hours of service and demonstrated excellence in hospital volunteering as well as in academic and extracurricular achievement.

Thank you for your service!

The following individuals have achieved hours of service milestones:

100 Hours

Silvan Altinok
Daniel Billings
Hernando Caicedo
Kimberly Campo
Alicia Carl
Sil Crino
Toni DeLeonardis
Elizabeth Diamond

300 Hours

Marie Kelly
Lillian Latona
Julianne Martin
Megan Netuschil
Anu Ogunnaiya
Courtney Ruziecki
Paige Swensen

400 Hours

Linda Collins
Nikolai Daume
Aris Gonell
Evan Komorowski

500 Hours

Joan Quenzer

2,000 Hours

Anita Buxton
Roseanne Rangel

4,000 Hours

Roberta Treiber

200 Hours

Samantha Brindley
Alex Bordonaro
Thomas Burton
Sarah Combs
Robert Delman
John Martin
Kaitlyn Miller
Paige Paltan

7,000 Hours

Eleanor Tisall

37,000 Hours

Dot Milau

New Residents *(continued from page 9)*

Neha Rupal Naik, MD

Medical School: Saba University School of Medicine, Dutch Caribbean
Undergraduate Education: Ryerson University
Hometown: Toronto, ON, Canada
Interests/Hobbies: Playing piano, swimming, scuba diving, PADI certified open water diver, volleyball, tennis, avid reader and movie watcher.

Ifeoma Okadigbo, MD

Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica
Undergraduate Education: University of Connecticut & University of Maryland
Hometown: Laurel, MD
Interests/Hobbies: Swimming, cooking, watching movies and traveling.

Francesca Stare Ortenzio, MD

Medical School: Stony Brook University School of Medicine
Undergraduate Education: Sarah Lawrence College & New York University
Hometown: New York, NY
Interests/Hobbies: Certified Pilates instructor, Yoga, tennis, horseback riding, creative writing, painting, skiing, snowshoeing, knitting, gardening.

Saurabh Patel, MD

Medical School: St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada
Undergraduate Education: Rutgers University
Hometown: Galloway, OH
Interests/Hobbies: Philosophy, movies, chess, music, singing, Indian cultural dances and festivities.

Ayesha Qadir, MD

Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica
Undergraduate Education: University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Hometown: Blackstone, MA
Interests/hobbies: watching movies, badminton, tennis and ping pong and cooking.

Urooj Qazi, MBBS

Medical School: Dow Medical College, Pakistan
Undergraduate Education: St. Joseph's College, Pakistan
Hometown: Harper Woods, MI
Interests/Hobbies: Cooking, reading, traveling and spending time with family. Eating healthy, exercising, volunteering at children's school and keeping up with new medicines and procedures.

Alejandro Adolfo Robles-Torres, MD

Medical School: Ponce School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Puerto Rico
Undergraduate Education: Universidad de Puerto Rico en Cayey & University of Massachusetts
Hometown: Bayamon, PR
Interests/Hobbies: Landscaping, macro and time-lapse photography, camping, customized computer building, video games, gardening, spending time with elder members of family and working with a basic weather station.

Sushanth Shankar, MBBS

Medical School: Sri Devaraj Urs Medical College, India
Undergraduate Education: University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
Hometown: Harrison, NJ
Interests/Hobbies: Soccer, badminton, chess, cooking, swimming, bicycling and reading.

Mohit Sharma, MD

Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica
Undergraduate Education: New York City Technical College & Hunter College
Hometown: Floral Park, NY
Interests/Hobbies: Tennis, running, hiking and going to the gym.

Neil Sutaria, MD

Medical School: St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada
Undergraduate Education: University of Houston Texas
Hometown: Houston, TX
Interests/Hobbies: Technology, basketball, football, baseball and travel.

Duy Minh Tran, MD

Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica
Undergraduate Education: Lamar University, Beaumont, TX
Hometown: Houston, TX
Interests/hobbies: Home remodeling, automotive repairs/performance, cooking, traveling, physical fitness activities, outdoor activities, playing sports, basketball/football, spending time with family and friends.

Jennifer Xiao Jun Yau, MD

Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica
Undergraduate Education: Temple University
Hometown: Voorhees, NJ
Interests/Hobbies: Visiting family and friends, organizing dinner potlucks, watching movies, cooking and baking, trying out new cuisines and restaurants. Traveling, tennis, bowling, listening to music, wine tasting, zoos and museums.

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Golf Classic Raises \$180,000 for Nursing Education Programs

The John T. Mather Founder's Award was presented by Mather Hospital President Kenneth Roberts (left) to Angelo Raucci (center) and Paul Zucker (above right) of International Recovery Associates (IRA) of Nesconset at Mather Hospital's 29th annual Golf Classic. The award is given to a distinguished individual or organization with an exemplary record of leadership, dedication and excellence to the provision of healthcare in the community. Held June 2 at the Port Jefferson Country Club at Harbor Hills, the event drew 143 golfers and raised \$180,250 to support Nursing Education programs.

First place foursome and winners of the Vincent Bove Memorial Trophy were Sal Puglisi, Steven Pinks, Bob Riley and Louis Vecchia. Named for the former chairman of Mather's Board of Directors, the award was presented by his son, Louis Bove, chairman of this year's event.

Set Sail in the Village Cup Regatta

Mather will again try to take the winner's cup away from the Village of Port Jefferson at the Setauket Yacht Club's Village Cup Regatta on Saturday, September 6, 2014.

Funds raised by the Regatta benefit Mather's Palliative Medicine Program, which helps patients and their families manage serious or chronic illnesses such as pancreatic cancer, and the Lustgarten Foundation, the nation's largest private foundation dedicated to funding pancreatic cancer research. In the first four years of the event, the Club raised more than \$175,000.

Actor Ralph Macchio, husband of Phyllis Macchio ANP, GNP, a member of Mather's Palliative Medicine team, will again act as ambassador for the event.

Mather employees and their family members are invited to crew on the Mather Team sailboats. If interested, contact Terri Quinn, Director of Development, at tquinn@matherhospital.org.

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Mather Selects 2014 Gala Honorees

Each year, as part of its annual One Enchanted Evening gala, Mather Hospital honors individuals and corporate partners whose service to the hospital and its communities is exemplary. This year Mather Hospital has named the law firm of Fumuso, Kelly, DeVerna, Snyder, Swart & Farrell and as Community Honoree and David Paul, MD, Mitchell Pollack, MD and the Setauket Yacht Club as the 2014 Theodore Roosevelt Award winners. The Theodore Roosevelt Award was created by the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council more than 50 years ago to honor those who demonstrate exceptional volunteer commitment to a member hospital and their community.

The awards will be presented at the Hospital's annual gala to benefit the Fortunato Breast Health Center and breast cancer treatment on October 17, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Long Island in Hauppauge.



Fumuso, Kelly, DeVerna, Snyder, Swart & Farrell (FKDSSF) has the distinction of being one of the oldest and most successful medical malpractice and personal injury defense firms in the New York Metropolitan area. The

firm has been contributing to Mather since 1994 through the Hospital's events and campaigns. FKDSSF also supports Silver Crest Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation; Ascent; Breast Cancer Research Foundation; Alternatives for Children; Miracle House; and various local hospitals.



David Paul, MD

David Paul, MD, LI Anesthesia Physicians, joined the medical staff in 2000 and is a member of the Department of Anesthesia. Paul has been a member of the Bylaws Committee since 2004 and has served as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee since 2009. In his capacity as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, Paul also sits on the Mather Hospital Medical Board.

Mitchell Pollack, MD, is Director of the Department of Emergency Medicine. Pollack served on the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee from 2007 to 2012 and on the Quality Management Committee from 1985 to 2011. He currently is a member of the Credentials Committee. In his capacity as Director of the Department of Emergency



Mitchell Pollack, MD

Medicine, Pollack also sits on the Mather Hospital Medical Board.

After the Setauket Yacht Club lost two members to pancreatic cancer, it created the Village Cup Regatta to raise funds for pancreatic cancer research and treatment. The Regatta, a friendly



competition between Mather and the Village of Port Jefferson, raises funds for Mather Hospital's Palliative Medicine Program, which helps patients and their families manage serious or chronic illnesses such as pancreatic cancer for the best possible quality of life, and the Lustgarten Foundation, the nation's largest private foundation dedicated to funding pancreatic cancer research. In the first four years of the event, the Club raised more than \$175,000 for these charities.

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25 years



25 years

From left to right:
25 Years: (from left, seated) Christine Albinski, Denise Bonneville, Catherine Breitenbach, Anne Babcock, (standing) Board Treasurer John Sini, Ana Baez, Board Vice Chairman Betsy Noyes Britton.

25 Years: (from left, seated) John Dolan, Margaret Massaro, Frances Dispinigaitis, Deborah Jardine, (standing) Emeritus Board Member James Maiella, Board Vice Chairman Harold Tranchon, Jr, Daniel Huber.



25 years



30 years

25 Years: (from left, seated) Kimberly Wilson, Patricia Mupo, Christine Ryan, Bonnie White, (standing) Board Chairman Kenneth Jacoppi and Board Member Judith Fortunato.

30 Years: (from left, seated) Debi Santiago, Jeffery Santorello, Veronica Stallone, (standing) Board Treasurer John Sini and Emeritus Board Member Gene Gerrard.



35 years



35 years

35 Years: (from left, seated) Joanne O'Shea, Mary Negra, Barbara Eagan, Patricia Donahue, (standing) Emeritus Board Member James Maiella, Maryann Gordon, Ginger Adamic, Frank Armenti, Board Vice Chairman Betsy Noyes Britton.

35 Years: Mather President Kenneth Roberts and Charlie Schneider.



40 years



45 years

40 Years: (from left, seated) Virginia Marosz, Minna Waldeck, Carol Penalver, Geradine Murillo, (standing) Denise Geiger, hospital supporter Yuri Farber, Board Member Judith Fortunato, Richard Lewonka.

45 Years: (from left) President Kenneth Roberts, Petra Robinson, Valerie LaRosa, Chairman Kenneth Jacoppi.

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

Joseph Ng, MD received the Physician Hero of the Year Award, selected by our employees.

Our **Auxiliary** celebrated 65 years of service to the Hospital and the Community with a special proclamation from Brookhaven Supervisor Edward P. Romaine, who declared May 5 "Mather Hospital Auxiliary Day" in the town.

Quality & Safety

Mather was recognized by The Leapfrog Group with its top "A" Hospital Safety Score for the fifth consecutive ratings period. Mather is one of only 251 hospitals in the nation to have achieved an "A" grade in all five score releases of the Hospital Safety Score and the only hospital in Suffolk County to do so. The Brookhaven Town Council honored Mather in June with a special award for achieving five consecutive "A" ratings in patient safety from The Leapfrog Group.

Mather also continued to rank among the top hospitals on Long Island in the most recent Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) patient satisfaction rankings.

Fifty-eight percent of employees and volunteers completed the Employee Volunteer Survey, exceeding last year's total. Thanks to

Family Matters *(continued from page 16)*

her daughter Brianna's graduation from high school. **Imaging Services:** Congratulations to Cassandra Wilson, daughter of Kim Wilson of Imaging Services, who is an undefeated National Cheerleading Champion as part of the Mount Sinai Varsity Cheerleaders. **Nursing Administration:** Congratulations to Marie Mulligan on her daughter's wedding. **Professional and Regulatory:** Maureen Dimaiuta's son, Michael, is engaged to Kristina and plans a 2015 wedding. **Revenue Cycle:** Congratulations to Lauren Pennisi on her daughter, Savannah's graduation from high school. She will attend Colgate University. **Wound Treatment Center:** Donna Randone's daughter, Kristen, graduated from Molloy College.

Retirements: Christine Albinski • Lorraine Alessi • Carol Andriani • Marilyn Arthur • Anne E. Babcock • Joyce Ann Bieler • Theresa Carter • Eileen Corcoran • Barbara Costa • John Daley • Anna May Drewes • Donna P. Finn • Marie F. Fragoletti • Catherine Gleisberg • Diane Gully • Laura Lea Hamilton • Temi Lubin Hofmann • James Joseph Horan • Janice A. Iannacone • Rita Ingargiola • Judith Kenny-Lourine • Susan Kiernan • Valerie Larosa • Sandra Levenstein • Richard J. Lewonka • Janet M. Maguire • Thomas W. Manzi • Edna Martinez • Margaret Matthews • Dorothy A. McGullam • Kathleen M. McIntosh • Helen McNeill • John Meoni • Carol M. Milano • Marianne Mitchell • Patricia A. Parente • Carol E. Penalver • Mary A. Pirraglia • Margaret L. Popp • Lois J. Reilly • Joanne Rutigliano • Patricia Ryan • Stephen T. Sawicki • Diane K. Silver-Smith • Barbara J. Spiegel • Veronica A. Stallone • Honorah M. Weiss • Carolyn West • Barbara Wohl

all who filled out a survey, which will help us make Mather a better place to work, receive quality healthcare and make a difference in someone's life.

Innovation and Growth

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Educational and Professional Achievements:

2 South: Katelin Elenterio, RN, BSN graduated from Stony Brook University with a master's degree as an adult Nurse Practitioner. Joseph Weinstock graduated with an MPA. Dawn Lupu earned her BSN. Jennifer Swanson, RN, BSN, earned her med/surgical certification. **Behavioral Health:** Tara Howard-Saunders, MPH, MSN, NP-P has been accepted into the Doctorate of Nursing Practice program at SUNY Stony Brook. Jill Snelders, CTRS earned her MBA in Healthcare Management from St. Joseph's College. James Silva, NA, and Kirsten Baker, NA graduated from Stony Brook University with their BSNs. Ed Shanley, NA, will be attending medical school at NYIT this fall. Donna Maisano, LMSW, and Vivian Abatte, LWSW, have earned credentials as LCSW. Molly Sales is now certified as a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS). **Food and Nutritional Services:** Kaitlyn Ford graduated from Suffolk Community College with an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice. Nil Narbay graduated from SUNY Old Westbury

with a BS in Criminology. **Information Services:** Scott Damm was appointed President-Elect by the Long Island Health Information Managers Association for the 2014-2015 term. **PACU:** Debbie Shull earned her BSN. **Pain Management:** Kim Buncke, RN, BSN graduated from Stony Brook University with her Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner degree. **Patient Access:** Debbie Erario graduated from the nursing program at Suffolk County Community College and passed her boards. Julianna Demeglio graduated from St. Joseph's with a bachelor of arts degree in speech therapy.

Promotions:

2 South: Maria Dutra, RN, BSN, is the new day Assistant Nurse Manager. **Infusion Center:** Mary Robb, RN is the new Assistant Nurse Manager. **Information Services:** George Devlopoulos was promoted to Data Administrator. Sean Diana is now Senior Systems Adminstrator/Info Security Manager. Diane Seno was promoted to Data Applications Manager. **Patient Access:** Casey Travis was named Operational Supervisor.

Milestone Life Events:

2 South: Congratulations to the following on their children's high school graduations--Joy Dupressis, RN, son Matthew; Nancy Robb, RN, BSN, daughter Rebecca; Stephanie Codes, NA, daughter Morgan; Renee Castelli, RN, son Nick; and Debbie Pureliano, RN, son Rocco. Congratulations to Debbie Pitre whose son, Kraig Reuter became engaged to Courtney Rist and was promoted to 1st Lieutenant USAF. Best wishes to Gabby Quinones, NA, on the birth of her daughter, Ava Grace. Congrats to Ginnie Barrington, RN, on her daughter, Danielle's engagement. Congratulations to Joshua Weinstock on his engagement and the birth of his son, Zachary. Best wishes to Carrie Wolfe on her engagement. **Finance:** Congratulations to Michael Healy, MD, son of Theresa Healy, on his graduation from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. He has been accepted into the residency program at University of California at San Francisco. **Food and Nutritional Services:** Congratulations to GiGi Santomauro on

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