



Mather matters

A newsletter for the staff, volunteers and benefactors of John T. Mather Memorial Hospital
SPRING 2017

Mather eMOLST Team Lauded



eMOLST Team: Lorraine Farrell FNP, RPAC, AVP for Medical Affairs; Cathy Roster, LMSW, Director of Case Management; Rich Poveromo, LMSW, CCM, Director of Social Work; Denise Engrassia, PA, Hospitalist; Nirupa Ramjisingh, RPA-C, Operations Director, Hospital Medicine; and Cynthia Phelan, PMP, IS Project Manager. Not pictured: Alice Kolasa, MD, Director, Palliative Medicine Program; Phyllis Macchio, ANP, GNP; Kathy Brennan, LMSW; Patricia Stillwaggon, BSN, RN, CCRN; Jeanette Voelger, RN, CCRN.

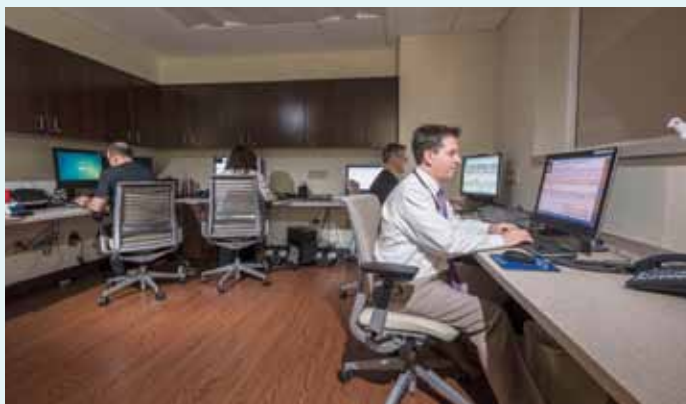
Mather Hospital will receive an IPRO Quality Award in June for its eMOLST System (Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment), an electronic medical record order form that informs others of a patient's wishes for life-sustaining treatment. IPRO is a national independent healthcare assessment and improvement services organization.

Mather was nominated for being the first Long Island hospital to go live with eMOLST, the electronic version of the MOLST document, for the team's work on integrating eMOLST into Sunrise At Mather (SAM), the hospital's electronic medical record; and for helping to develop an education program, "Improving Quality and Honoring Preferences for Persons with DD/ID Near the End of Life: The Role of the MOLST Program," which Mather hosted last October.

The eMOLST system is a New York State-wide secure web-based application that allows enrolled users to complete the eMOLST form and associated paperwork. By moving the MOLST form to a readily accessible electronic format and creating the New York eMOLST Registry, healthcare providers,

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New Sleep Disorder Center Opens



Mather opened its new Sleep Disorder Center on the first floor of the Frey Family Foundation Medical Arts Building. The new center features a beautiful reception area; eight diagnostic testing bedrooms featuring queen-size beds, private bathroom/shower, Wi-Fi, television and individual temperature control; dedicated testing rooms for pediatric patients with sleeping accommodations for parents; and a state-of-the-art central monitoring room for therapists to conduct studies. (More Sleep Disorder Center photos page 11.)



Kenneth D. Roberts

President's Column

Regardless of your position, each one of us at Mather Hospital has one common goal -- "to serve others." In doing so, we all want to ensure that our service meets the highest standards of quality and safety. We don't want to make a mistake, because the consequences could mean a delayed meal or treatment or something far worse. Yet providing healthcare is very complicated. There are many opportunities to make an error. That is why we need to ensure that we have processes in which we do the right thing every time in a complex environment. We term this "high reliability."

Ensuring that Mather is a high reliability organization is everyone's responsibility from the Board of Directors to the physicians, staff and volunteers. If you see an unsafe or improper condition or practice, tell your supervisor, department director, vice president or me. You can let me know by e mailing me at kd Roberts@matherhospital.org.

People

Kudos to our Chief Nursing Officer **Marie Mulligan, PhD**, on the completion of her doctoral degree. Dr. Mulligan was also inducted as president of the Greater New York, Nassau, Suffolk Organization of Nurse Executives and Leaders in May.

Emily Emma, MSN, RN-BC, ONC, 3 South Nursing Manager, will receive her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree in Nursing Leadership and Management from George Washington University in May.

Congratulations to the all of our graduating Residents. Fifteen Internal Medicine Residents, four Preliminary Residents and 13 Transitional Year Residents – will be heading on to new assignments, and we wish them well. One of the driving forces for us to start a graduate medical education program was to ensure that our community had enough primary care physicians. I am happy to report that three IM Residents have elected to stay at Mather. **Anna Dewan, MD** and **Aaron Charniak, MD** will join the Hospital Medicine Department. **Zhongju Lu, MD** will practice with Mather Primary Care at Harbor View Medical Associates.

Two of our Internal Medicine Residents were recognized at the 12th Annual Medical Society of the State of New York Resident/Fellow and Medical Student Poster Symposium. **Neha R. Naik, MD, PGY3**, took second place for "An Interdisciplinary Approach to Improving Care and Reducing Length of Stay in Patients with Cellulitis," **Hamead Reza Moshrefi, DO, PGY2**, received an honorable mention for "CNS Toxoplasmosis Encephalitis in CLL – A Challenge to Diagnose and Treat."

Dr. Naik's poster also was selected for the state-wide American College of Physicians meeting in Rochester, and she and co-chief Resident **Alejandro Adolfo Robles-Torres, MD**, were selected by the Association for Hospital Medical Education poster competition for "A Pilot Study of the Perceived Effectiveness of PGY-3 Co-Chief Residents in a New IM GME Residency Program at a Community Hospital." All the resident poster projects were under the direction of **Alan Kaell, MD**, director of scholarly activities for our GME program.

Maryanna Mason, MD, was named Medical Director of Imaging Services. **Craig Player** was named Administrative Director of Imaging Services. Please welcome both of them.

Carolyn Germain BSN, RN, OCN, has been named Director of Nursing, TCU. She replaces **Kim Gior-dano, RN**, who is now the MDS (Minimum Data Set) Coordinator.

Lillian Jones, RN, was named Acting Nurse Manager of 2 South. **Mary Ferrara, RN**, was appointed IV Coordinator for Mather.

Service

Lindsay Seppala, Office of the VP Medical Affairs, is the Bright Ideas Team's 2017 Champion. She had the most implemented Bright Ideas for 2016 with 21. **Nirupa Ramjisingh, RPA-C**, Operations Director, Hospital Medicine, is the Leadership Development Team's 2017 champion. **Joan August** from Insurance Verification is the Communication Team's 2017 Boardkeepers Champion.

Special thanks to our volunteers and Auxiliary for all they do for our patients, visitors and staff. At our

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Specialty: General Surgery, Colon & Rectal Surgery
Medical School: New York Medical College, Valhalla
Residency: Mount Sinai Medical Center, NY
Practice: Colon & Rectal Surgical Specialists of NY, Garden City

Jennifer Chan, MD

Specialty: Thoracic Surgery
Medical School: Keck School of Medicine, Los Angeles
Residency: University of Southern California School of Medicine, Los Angeles; University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor
Practice: Interboro Surgical Associates, PC, Port Jefferson

Mikhail Elfond, DO

Specialty: Emergency Medicine
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, Old Westbury
Residency: Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New York
Practice: Mather Hospital Emergency Department

Triantafillos Fillos, MD

Specialty: Hematology/Oncology
Medical School: St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada, West Indies
Residency: Stony Brook Medicine
Practice: New York Cancer & Blood Specialists, East Setauket

Jared Funt, DDS

Specialty: Dentistry
Medical School: Stony Brook University - School of Dental Medicine
Residency: Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, FL
Practice: Funt Orthodontics, East Setauket

Shahid Mahmood Hussain, MD

Specialty: Radiology
Medical School: Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands
Residency: Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam, Netherlands
Practice: Stony Brook Radiology Department

Mahsa Kochi, MD

Specialty: Radiology
Medical School: Stony Brook University School of Medicine
Residency: Stony Brook University Hospital
Practice: Stony Brook Radiology Department

Eddie Kim, MD

Specialty: Emergency Medicine
Medical School: State University of New York-Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
Residency: Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn
Practice: Mather Hospital Emergency Department

Justin Margolis, MD

Specialty: Vascular Surgery
Medical School: State University of New York-Syracuse College of Medicine
Residency: SUNY Health Science Center, Stony Brook
Practice: St. Catherine's of Sienna Division of Vascular Surgery

Christina Rager, MD

Specialty: Pulmonary Critical Care/ Internal Medicine
Medical School: SUNY Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine, Brooklyn
Residency: University of California, Los Angeles
Practice: Mather Hospital, Department of Hospital Medicine

Shahin Shaikh, MD

Specialty: Pulmonary Medicine
Medical School: Seth GS Medical College, Mumbai, India
Residency: Montefiore Medical Center, Brooklyn
Practice: Shahin Shaikh, MD

Jagdeep Singh, MD

Specialty: Cardiology
Medical School: Mysore Medical College
Residency: Beth Israel Medical Center, NY
Practice: Three Village Cardiology, PC, East Setauket

Konstantinos Spaniolas, MD

Specialty: General Surgery
Medical School: University of Athens School of Health Sciences
Residency: University of Rochester Medical Center
Practice: Stony Brook Surgical Associates

Amrita Srivastava, MD

Specialty: Endocrinology
Medical School: SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse
Residency: SUNY Health Science Center-Stony Brook
Practice: Mather Endocrinology, Harbor View Medical Services, PC

Anthony Zizzamia, DPM

Specialty: Podiatry
Medical School: New York College of Podiatric Medicine, New York
Residency: St. Barnabas Hospital - Podiatry, Bronx, NY
Practice: Ultimate Foot Care, Smithtown

**Doctors Day 2017**

Mather paid tribute to its physicians with a Doctors Day 2017 brunch at the hospital on March 30. (Above left) Medical residents Jennifer Yau, MD; Megan Haberlein, MD; Neha Naik, MD; Anna Dewan, MD. (Above right) Mather President Kenneth Roberts (second from left) joined physicians. From left, Imtiaz Khokhar, MD, Director of Hospital Medicine; Mr. Roberts; Maria Basile MD, AVP Medical Affairs; Christine Ruggerio, MD; David Shenouda, DO, Chairman, Medical Board; Philip Nizza, DO; and Rohan Perera, MD.



NURSING matters

Harmonicas for Health Helps COPD Patients Breathe Easier

2017 Nursing Awards



Nurse of Excellence – Melissa Pearson, RN, from the ED was named Mather's 2017 Nurse of Excellence.



DAISY Award Winner - Valarie LaSala, RN, received a DAISY Award for her compassionate care of former 3N unit secretary Trish Lindenmeier. Based on patient nominations, the DAISY Award recognizes nurses who make an enormous difference by the superhuman work they do.

Clinical Nurse of the Year – Elise Carbonette, RN from the OR

Also honored were Halina Wiszowaty, NA, from 2E, Nursing Assistant of the Year; Joanne O'Shea from CCU, Unit Secretary of the Year; and Danielle Falese, RN, from 2E, RN "Rookie" of the Year.



Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder (COPD) and other breathing problems are making music at Mather Hospital to improve the quality of their lives. They are participating in the national COPD Foundation's "Harmonicas for Health" program, which uses harmonicas to improve breathing.

"Playing the harmonica maintains lung function, which helps to reduce COPD symptoms; facilitates deep breathing and helps us use more of our lung capacity; and improves our ability to keep our lungs clear," said Ted Nilsson, MS, RT, RRT, Mather's Director of Respiratory Care Services, who explained the program to about a dozen attendees at the April meeting of the Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) Support Group.

CHF Coordinator Phyllis Macchio, ANP, GNP, said her group was a natural place to test out the program since CHF patients often have pulmonary issues as well. She said the harmonica worked in much the same way as the incentive spirometer, a device used to strengthen the muscles involved in breathing.

Harmonicas for Health also can boost self-confidence, relieve stress and help people who may be tethered to oxygen tanks socialize with others and have fun, according to the COPD Foundation, which supplied the harmonicas and instruction sheets. The program was developed with support from ACM Lifting Lives, the charitable arm of the Academy of Country Music.

Sheila Murphy of Selden, who uses an oxygen tank, said she enjoyed the class. Joseph Orlando of Selden, said he thought it was a great idea for people with COPD.

"This is an experiment, a pilot to see how the patients like the program," Nilsson said. "We are considering incorporating the harmonica program into our rehabilitation program." Luke Nilsson, a musician and Ted's son, explained the basics of playing the harmonica.

While there have been no medical studies proving that playing the harmonica improves lung function, "The anecdotal outcomes associated with Harmonicas for Health are very positive" from classes held around the country, said Jane Martin, the Foundation's Assistant Director of Education.

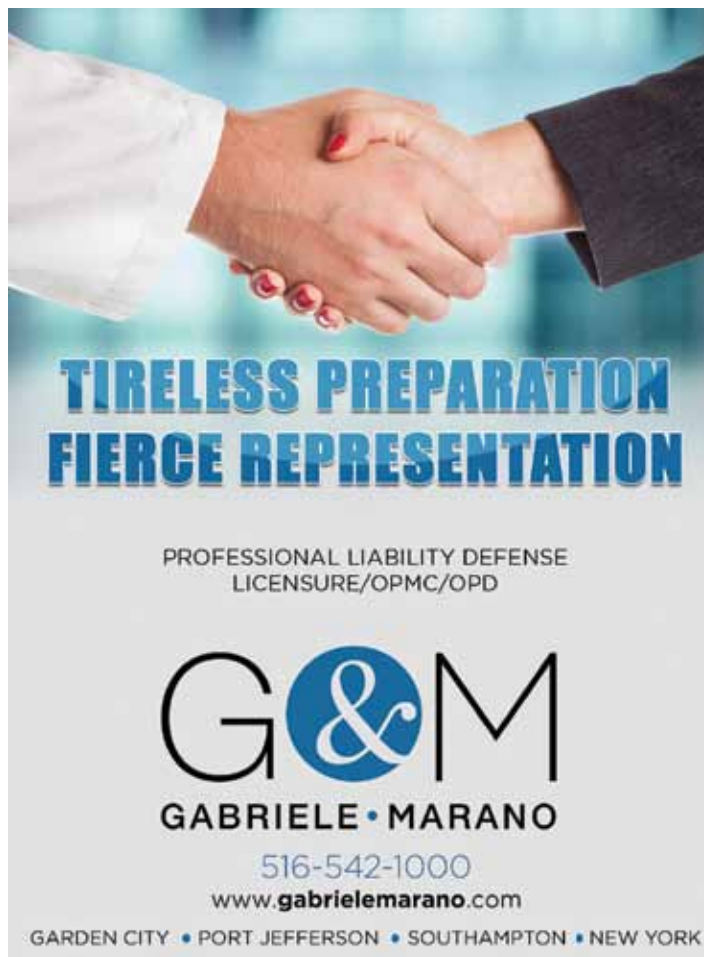
Mather to Receive Quality Award for First eMOLST System on Long Island

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including emergency medical service corps, can have access to MOLST forms at all sites of care including hospitals, nursing homes and in the community.

Mather's eMOLST team is an interdisciplinary group encompassing Palliative Medicine, Social Work, Nursing, Hospital Medicine, and Information Services. In April 2016, the team began work on implementing eMOLST, which included creating links to the eMOLST registry in the electronic medical record, assessing and creating staff work flows, educating providers and community partners about MOLST/eMOLST, and establishing ongoing process improvement work.

"This quality initiative will help better serve our patients by making their wishes known and consistent with the treatments they receive near the end of their lives," said Director of Social Work Rich Poveromo, LMSW, who headed the eMOLST team.



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Mather's Antimicrobial Stewardship Program a Success



In response to concerns over increasing antimicrobial resistance and inappropriate use of antibiotics nationwide, Mather in 2015 launched an Antimicrobial Stewardship Program. The hospital hired an antimicrobial stewardship specialty pharmacist who has helped to build a strong team to address this issue composed of Administration, Pharmacy, Infectious Disease physicians, IT, Laboratory, and Infection Prevention members, according to Olga Larios, Mather's Director of Pharmacy.

"Our antimicrobial pharmacist and Infectious Disease physician round three times per week. Every hospitalized patient for whom an antibiotic is prescribed is evaluated for appropriate antibiotic choice, correct match for 'drug and bug,' prudent dose, appropriate duration of therapy, and other critical entities," Larios said. "If necessary, they speak with the prescriber to discuss revisions in patient care."

Larios said the program's goal was to change the "antibiotic ordering culture" and to disseminate the program's mission throughout the hospital. "We have made a marked improvement in this area at Mather Hospital," she said. "We have established and reviewed the switch from the intravenous route to oral when feasible, restricted certain medications, deleted antiquated and unused antibiotics in favor of more effective choices, decreased our incidence of c. difficile, established the concurrent administration of probiotics with the most broad spectrum system antibiotics, and created required fields on our electronic medication administration which house the actual indication choice for the selected antibiotics. We have also limited the duration of many antibiotics to much shorter, yet effective, time periods."

In addition, the hospital has seen a significant cost savings for antibiotics over the program's first 15 months, Larios said.

SERVICE EXCEL

Service Excellence Awards are given monthly to employees whose professionalism



January 2017



February 2017

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LENCE AWARDS

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



2017

March 2017

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15 Years



10 Years



Years



5 Years



5 Years



Capstone Award – Antimicrobial Stewardship Team

The team was honored for its efforts to educate the hospital about the inappropriate use of antibiotics. (see story page 5). Team members represented Administration, Pharmacy, Infectious Disease physicians, IT, Laboratory, Nursing, and Infection Prevention. Pictured with Mather President Kenneth Roberts (back row, right) are VP for Administration Wayne Shattes; Philip Nizza, MD; David Galinkin, MD; and (front row) John Lee, PharmD, Information Services; Maricelle Monteagudo-Chu, PharmD, BCPS-AQID, Pharmacy; and Olga Larios, MS RPh, Director of Pharmacy. Not pictured: Ray Gulino, DPM, FABPS, MS, MLS (ASCP), Administrative Director of Pathology and Laboratory Services.



Congratulations to Dr. Marie Mulligan, PhD, RN, CNOR, NEA-BC, CNO, Vice President for Nursing at Mather, who was installed as the new president of the Greater New York, Nassau, Suffolk Organization of Nurse Executives and Leaders. Mather Administration and Nursing leaders were on hand for the President's Reception.

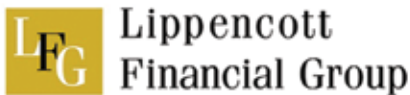


Mather Hospital and Harbor View Medical Services participated in and were sponsors of the annual Greater Port Jefferson Health & Wellness Fest.



Mather Chairman Honored

Mather Chairman Kenneth Jacoppi (left) was honored for his 40 years on the Mather Board of Directors. President Kenneth Roberts presented him with an award marking the occasion.



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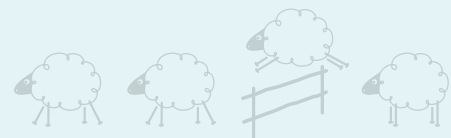


Holbrook Fire Department.



Terryville and Coram Fire Departments.

New Sleep Disorder Center Opens *(continued from page 1)*





Celebration of Accomplishments

The Employee Engagement Team coordinated a hospital-wide celebration of our 2016 and 2017 accomplishments and our employees' continued commitment to the Voyage to Excellence. The celebration in March included a complimentary meal and decorations consisting of accomplishments by various departments.

All Employees, Volunteers & Physicians: Please join Administration for a

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annual Volunteer and Auxiliary Recognition reception in April the Auxiliary presented a check for \$210,000 to support the capital needs of Engineering, Environmental Services, and Food & Nutritional Services. According to Auxiliary President **Barbara Zinna**, these departments were chosen because they seldom get donations and without them our hospital could not function.

Quality & Safety

Our Chief Medical Officer, **Joan Faro, MD**, was named as a founding member of the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine's Wellness committee. The committee is charged to identify, build, collect, and circulate resources and tools that advance supporting wellness of faculty, staff and learners.

Innovation and Growth

Mather Hospital will receive an IPRO Quality Award in June for its eMOLST (Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment), an electronic medical record order form that informs others of a patient's wishes for life-sustaining treatment. IPRO is a national independent healthcare assessment and improvement services organization. Congratulations to the eMOLST team: **Rich Poveromo**, Director of Social Work, **Lorraine Farrell FNP, RPAC**, AVP for Medical Affairs; **Cathy Roster**, Director of Case Management; **Denise Engrassia, PA**, Hospitalist; **Nirupa Ramjisingh, RPA-C**, Operations Director, Hospital Medicine; and **Cynthia Phelan, PMP**, IS Project Manager; **Alice Kolasa, MD**, Director, Palliative Medicine Program; **Phyllis Macchio, ANP, GNP**; **Kathy Brennan, LMSW**; **Patricia Stillwaggon, BSN, RN, CCRN**; and **Jeanette Voelger, RN, CCRN**.

Mather has recently opened a new and expanded Sleep Disorder Center on the first floor of the Medical Arts Building. The 6,000-square-foot facility includes eight diagnostic testing rooms featuring queen-sized beds and a state-of-the-art central monitoring room for therapists to conduct studies.

As many of you know, I attempt to visit a patient every day. I ask where they live, why they chose Mather, if they came into the hospital by ambulance or with a loved one, if they came in through the Emergency Department or electively, and how they were treated by the physicians, nurses, nursing assistants, respiratory therapists, physical therapists, imaging staff, housekeeping staff they have come in contact with. I ask if all their questions were answered to their satisfaction, and if they understood all the explanations the staff had given. I then ask what suggestions they have to improve the services we at Mather provide, and then I leave them my card to call, email, or write to me with any additional thoughts they may have after they leave the hospital. I follow up on all the suggestions. Many of these patients are surprised to be visited by the President of the Hospital. The overwhelming majority of the patients I visit have nothing but praise for the staff and the Mather culture.

As a service organization, our reputation is earned every day by how each one of us interacts with our patients and their loved ones and visitors. Please keep up the exceptional work you do daily.

Thank you.

VOLUNTEER matters

Volunteers of the Month



Lorraine Altman
January



Jeanine Cook
February



Joe Schwartz
March



Ginnie Moore
April

WITH APPRECIATION

Volunteer Appreciation Party



Mather's Auxiliaries donated \$210,000 to support the good work done by the Engineering, Environmental Services and Food and Nutritional Services Departments. Pictured above are (Back Row): Michael Burghardt, AVP Administration; Mather President Kenneth Roberts; Frank Christiano, Director, Environmental Services/Hazardous Material Coordinator; Kevin Koubek, Director, Engineering, Design and Construction. (Front Row): Auxilian Dorothy Milau; Petra Robinson, Director, Food and Nutritional Services; Ida Forstel, Auxiliary First VP; Barbara Zinna, Auxiliary President; Nancy Hutchinson, Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary; Janice Krass, Auxiliary Treasurer.

Junior Volunteers Elizabeth Winter (second from left), a senior at Miller Place High School Megan Hartnagel (second from right), a senior at Comsewogue High School, received Volunteer College Awards for demonstrating excellence in volunteering as well as academic and extracurricular achievement. They are congratulated by Mather President Kenneth Roberts (left) and Mather chairman Kenneth Jacoppi (right).



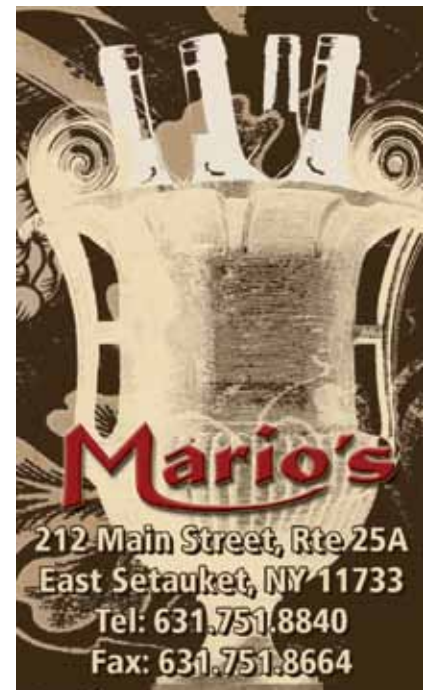
Volunteer Milestones

10,000 hrs. Richard Buchanan

4,000 hrs. Stanley Myslinski

2,000 hrs. Rosalie Rusy

1,000 hrs. Ann Rizzo



Family Matters *(continued from page 12)*

Gajewski, RN, was married to Robbie Altamore on November 19, 2016. Congratulations to all.

Bariatric Center of Excellence: Erin McKenna and Ed Caraher were engaged on February 11 and are planning to marry on October 5, 2018.

Information Services: Congratulations to Danny Barnickle, who married Chelsea Okler on January 6.

Laboratory: Mimi Chen and Al Cadavid welcome their new baby girl, Viviana, weighing in at 6 lbs., 15 oz! Megan Morales and her husband welcome their new baby girl, Gwendolyn, weighing in at 6 lbs., 1 oz! Sandy Kennett celebrated her 70th birthday with friends and family. Shannon Hansen and her fiancé, Sa'ad, were married on April 15! Much love and happiness to them! Juliann Calderone and her husband welcome their new baby boy, Roman, weighing in at 8 lbs., 20 oz! Congratulations to all!

Partial Hospitalization: A warm and enthusiastic welcome to little Olivia Eileen Morin, born on February 24, and weighing in at 7 lbs., 7 oz. Congratulations to new grandmother, Sue Morin, Director of Mather's Partial Hospitalization Program, and Eating Disorder Program! Sue is beaming and has not stopped smiling since son Ryan and wife Devyn delivered this precious gift!

Patient Access: Filippa Russo, Coordinator, from Central Scheduling in the

Patient Access Department is expecting her first baby with husband, Nicholas, this August. Congratulations Filippa and Nicholas! Congratulations Analyse Demeglio, daughter of Julianna Demeglio, First Impression Specialist, who became a model this year, appearing in ads for Toys R Us, Kohl's and The Children's Place. She also was in the October 2016 edition of "Parent's Magazine." She just landed another shoot with The Children's Place starting April 7. Nicky Daniel, Patient Access Evening Supervisor, and her husband, J. Ronald, will celebrate 24 years of marriage in June. They will enjoy a well-deserved vacation in Oswego, New York. Congratulations!

Patient Access/Wound Treatment: Patricia Santoro became a grandmother for the second time to Giavanna Rose, born February 3, 2017, 7 lbs., 5 oz.

Payroll/Finance: Samantha Bublik, daughter of Cynthia Bublik, was married on October 8, to Chris Schiavone. They moved to North Carolina and are going to school for Surgical Technologists. She worked on 3 South as an aide while getting her B.S. at Stony Brook.

Pharmacy: RoseAnn Cooper's son, Christopher Zeller, is engaged to Kristina Bartley. A wedding is set for October 8!

Radiology: Yvonne Maroney, RN, became a first-time grandma to twins. Welcome to the USA from China, Brody James Yulong, newly adopted son of

Sandra Cullen, RN. Congratulations to Kelly Cook on her recent engagement. Congratulations to Sue Dolson, RN's son, Cory, on being named Newsday's Coach of the Year. Congratulations to Michelle Rosselli's son, Joseph, on being named to the Top 100 High School Baseball Players by Newsday. Jaimie Werthner gave birth to Mya Emily on April 5. Congratulations to Kate Egner, Interventional Radiology PA, on her wedding to Henry on May 28, and eagerly anticipating the birth of her baby.

Rehabilitation Services: Congratulations to Tim Lee, PT, on his marriage in May to Yan Zheng. Congratulations to Kerri Weber, PT, on her marriage to Donte Hamilton in July. Congratulations to Lisamarie Puglisi, PT, and her husband, Jonathan, on the birth of their new baby boy, Patrick, born on August 15, at 6 lbs., 9 oz. Congratulations to Florence Fox, PTA, and her family as her son, Dennis, graduated in December from Cornell University. Congratulations Kellianne Contri McCann, PT, and her husband, Brendan, on the birth of their son, Casey Francis, on March 6 at 10 lbs., 2 oz. Congratulations to Donna Rimmer (Lymphedema-Patient Access) on the marriage of her son, Rick, to Kim Maenza on March 25. Congratulations to Dan Epstein, PT, Zach Riggio, PT, Stephen Bove, Rehab Aide, and Matthew Rivera, Rehab Aide, who all got engaged and are planning weddings.

TCU: Best wishes to Jessica Ocasio, Christina Cubano and Junie Adame as they move on from Mather. Congratulations to Junie Adame's son, Julien Marcus Adame, on his christening.

Wound Treatment-Port Jeff: Congratulations to Colleen Pohmer, RN, on the birth of her granddaughter, Hannah Reade Kelley, 7 lbs., 8 oz. born April 2, and grandson William Raup Pohmer, 6 lbs., 1 oz. on June 29, 2016.

Protecting Patient Privacy
Caregivers and staff may access **ONLY** those Electronic Medical Records that are required to do their jobs.
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FAMILY matters

Educational and/or Professional:

3 East/Telemetry: Loretta Hill-Civil, RN, obtained PCCN (Adult Progressive Care Nursing) certification. Patty Alban, RN, obtained PCCN certification and obtained her MSN. Rita Romano, RN, became Med-Surg-certified.

3 North: Jenna Sonnenberg, RN, graduated with Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner/Masters of Science May 2017.

Bariatric Center of Excellence: The Bariatric COE welcomed Physician Assistant Ryan Fuellbier to the team.

Radiology: Congratulations to Stacey Chiofalo, RN, Debra DiGirolamo, RN, and Katie Rush, RN, on obtaining their BSNs. Nicole DelVecchio, RN, received her NP.

Respiratory Therapy: Christian Nilsson, son of Ted Nilsson, received an Emmy Award in the Historical/Cultural Program Feature/Segment category for his film "Fight to Be the Oldest Bar in NYC" from The National Academy of Television at the 60th Annual New York Emmy Awards on May 6.

Promotions:

3 East/Telemetry: Jillian Jablonski, RN, was named Assistant Nurse Manager on nights.

Information Services: Congratulations to Vinnie McGee, who has been promoted to Senior Systems Administrator/Information Security Manager.

Partial Hospitalization: Jennifer Kennedy, one of our Patient Access team members at Mather Partial Hospitalization Program, is moving on and joining the team at Insurance Verification. This transfer will enable Jenn to enjoy more "family-friendly" hours and not a moment too soon as Jenn, husband Patrick, and two-year-old son Cole celebrated the arrival of Ellie, born in April. We wish Jenn the very best, she will be sorely missed.

Rehabilitation Services: Kerri Hamilton, PT, was promoted to Assistant Director Inpatient Physical Therapy.

TCU: Welcome to Carolyn Germaine, RN, as the Director of Nursing for TCU. Good luck to Kim Giordano, RN, as the

new MDS (Minimum Data Set) Coordinator.

Retirements:

Radiology: We said goodbye to Liz Devine, RN, and will miss her terribly.

Rehabilitation Services: Vicki Bendjy, PTA, retired to North Carolina in January.

TCU: Best wishes to Elaine Fox, RN. Enjoy the warm weather and free time.

Milestone Life Events:

3 East/Telemetry: Allison Huber, RN, was married to Daniel Garrod and Gospel Ofuyah, RN, and his wife had their fourth child, Joshua, their first boy! Lauren Coppola, RN, was married to Dr. Dennis Nankervis.

3 North: Katherine Lewin, RN, Clinical Instructor for 3 North, became a new mom to Elizabeth Eileen on March 18 7lbs., 9 oz., 20 inches long. Christina Movsesyan, RN, was married to Joshua Drumm on December 11, 2016. Denise

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