

“Rebirth of Grandeur” Waterbury Hospital’s 7th Annual Charity Gala

A Grand Celebration of the Humanitarian Award Winner Shirley Harkins, RN and the Family Birthing Center

Over 600 staff, corporate partners and friends of Waterbury Hospital came together for an evening that featured entertainment, fine dining, silent and live auctions, and a single common goal in mind – to make the Seventh Annual Gala, “Rebirth of Grandeur”, the hospital’s most successful fundraiser to date. Hosted by WFSB TV Channel 3’s Scot Haney, the event raised \$80,000 for improvements to the Family Birthing Center at Waterbury Hospital.

Highlights of the evening included music by the Harold Zinno Orchestra, entertainment provided by the Three Waiters, and the honoring of the 2006 Humanitarian Award winner, Shirley Harkins, RN.

Mrs. Harkins, a full-time nurse at Waterbury Hospital since 1957 was a unanimous choice for the institution’s Humanitarian Award. Given annually at the hospital’s Gala, the award recognizes extraordinary commitment, compassion and ambassadorship to the hospital.

Mrs. Harkins is the poster child for Waterbury Hospital’s healing mission. Mary Bochiccio, RN, Assistant Nursing Director with Orthopaedic Services, captured the essence of her importance to the hospital, “It’s like she’s an institution within an institution,” said Mary.

The physicians and staff of the Family Birthing Center along with the hospital’s corporate partners were instrumental in the success of the sold out Charity Gala. Auction items included a three-diamond pendant donated by Ideal Jewelers, a trip to St. Lucia donated by Sanditz Travel, a week’s stay in Nantucket at the home of George and Anne Hebner, and a lavish seven course meal for six from the Center for Women’s Health in CT.

(L to R) Beth Grant, Cardiopulmonary Rehab Clinician with her father Waterbury Hospital volunteer Howard Parsons and Mary Calvo, RN from the Family Birthing Center at the hospital.



Celebrity Master of Ceremonies, WFSB TV Channel 3’s Scot Haney, congratulates Shirley Harkins, RN, the 2006 Waterbury Hospital Humanitarian Award Winner.



(L to R) Among the 600 Gala attendees were Gerald R. Berg, MD; Barbara Berg; Marco Verga, MD; Wendy Verga; Duncan Belcher, MD and Mindy Belcher.



(L to R) Auctioning off their Fete de Janvier, a lavish French style meal for six: Anne McNulty, MD; Claire Ventre, MD; and their spouses Craig Carrington and Henry McNulty, from the Center for Women’s Health in CT.

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About The Erlanger Lecture Series



Florence Erlanger, RN, graduated from Waterbury Hospital's School of Nursing in 1942 and worked as a nurse at the institution. She later used her nursing skills as director of nursing in area nursing homes. During her career as a nurse, Mrs. Erlanger used complementary therapies with her patients. She established the endowed lecture series because of her desire to ensure that nurses and physicians acquire knowledge about alternative medical therapy treatments and their drug interactions.

The Florence Erlanger Alternative Medicine Endowed Lecture Series provides a minimum of one lecture each year at Waterbury Hospital. The series seeks to educate interested members of the general public along with clinical and medical staff about alternative medical therapy.

At the beginning of the year, Mark Garber, MD presented a lecture focused on the background of complementary and alternative medicine. Dr. Garber presented information on current studies of commonly used vitamins and supplements and drug/supplement interactions. He elaborated on other issues related to this topic such as, hypnosis, manipulation and homeopathy.

Contributions to this endowment may be sent to: The Florence Erlanger Alternative Medicine Lecture Series, Waterbury Hospital Fund Development Department, Hale House, 64 Robbins Street, Waterbury, CT 06721.

For further information, please contact Susan O'Connell at 203-573-6085.



Mark Garber, MD is an Emergency Department physician at Waterbury Hospital and has been practicing medicine for over 20 years. He is board certified in emergency medicine as well as holistic medicine. Dr. Garber has been a panel member of the White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medical Policy.



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From left: Steven E. Schneider, MD, Vice President for Medical Affairs; Gerald R. Berg, MD, Medical Director of Radiology; Jock Lawrason, MD, Director of Critical Care; Elaine Lawrason and F. Douglas Lawrason, MD proudly pose with one of three Computed Radiography (CR) systems, a gift made possible through the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrason.



Generosity of the Lawrasons Provides Sophisticated Computed Radiography

“THE COMPUTED RADIOGRAPHY UNITS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE HOSPITAL’S NEW PICTURE ARCHIVING COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (PACS). THEY PROVIDE THE MOST SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE FOR DIGITIZING RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGES FOR IMMEDIATE VIEWING”

Gerald R. Berg, MD

Dr. F. Douglas and Elaine J. Lawrason are no strangers to the fields of medicine and philanthropy. They have supported Waterbury Hospital in the past with generous gifts to both the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and Pet Therapy Programs, and it was their desire to again make a difference at the hospital. This time, the Lawrasons focused their support on the purchase of three Computed Radiography (CR) systems that will be used to provide digital radiographic images in the ICU and throughout the hospital.

On March 22, in an ICU conference room filled with grateful hospital staff, the Lawrasons observed the fruits of their generous \$100,000 donation via a demonstration provided by Frank Vensel, Director of Clinical Engineering. Both Steven E. Schneider, MD, Vice President for Medical Affairs, and Gerald R. Berg, MD, Medical Director of Radiology extended thanks to the Lawrasons for their thoughtfulness on behalf of the Waterbury Hospital family. “The CRs are an integral part of the hospital’s new Picture Archiving Communication System (PACS). They provide the most sophisticated technology available for digitizing radiographic images for immediate viewing,” stated Dr. Berg.

Fondly recounting the series of events which led them to the Waterbury area, Dr. Lawrason recalled, “It has been such a long time since I’ve been in the company of a family like this, and it is truly wonderful.” Originally from Minnesota, the Lawrasons moved east more than 60 years ago so Dr. Lawrason could further his medical education. As one of five interns at Yale New Haven Hospital during World War II, he found himself



(L to R) Jock Lawrason, MD, Director of Critical Care; F. Douglas Lawrason, MD and Elaine Lawrason at the recognition event.

in great demand to assist at local area hospitals, and hence, a longtime relationship with Waterbury Hospital was formed.

That relationship was further fostered when some years later one of their three children, Jock, came to work at Waterbury Hospital. Jock Lawrason, MD, Director of Critical Care, reiterated how valuable his parents' support of the hospital has been, and how heartwarming it has been to him personally.

Dr. Berg concluded the event with a presentation of a plaque to the Lawrasons that will be placed in the Radiology Department in recognition of their gift. "The equipment purchased through your generosity is an essential part of the hospital's ability to provide its patients prompt and effective treatment when timing and the most advanced medical care are critical to their road to recovery," said Dr. Berg.

Jennie Kilmartin Names ICU Waiting Room

Mrs. Jennie Kilmartin said she wanted to give back to her community and her alma mater and accomplished both objectives when she generously donated \$60,000 to Waterbury Hospital to renovate the ICU waiting room and purchase a glass brick on the "Water Wall" in the Woodward Lobby.

Mrs. Jennie (Ambrose) Kilmartin was born in Hudson, NY. She graduated from Waterbury Hospital School of Nursing and worked at the hospital for a short term upon her graduation. She went on to serve her country in World War II by joining the United States Navy Nurse Corps. She earned her Bachelors of Science degree in nursing from UCLA and her Master of Arts degree from George Washington University.

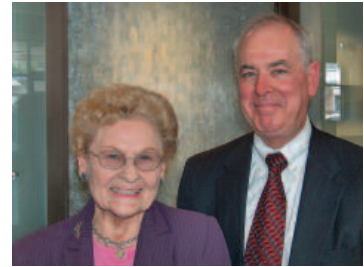
Mrs. Kilmartin wanted to provide a sanguine and comforting environment

for the families of patients in the ICU. "I understand the emotional toil that critical illness of a loved one can inflict on a family," she said.

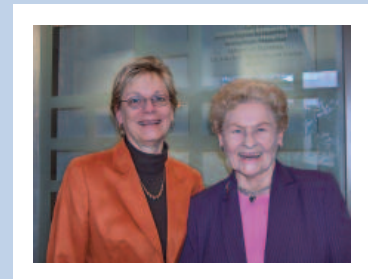
Mrs. Kilmartin said she would like to challenge her fellow alumna of the Waterbury Hospital School of Nursing to purchase a glass brick on the Woodward Lobby "Water Wall". "Water Wall" tribute or memorial gifts may be used to fund the greatest needs of the hospital or designated for a specific purpose.

For further information regarding "Water Wall" gifts, please contact Susan O'Connell at 203-573-6085.

Sandra Iadarola, RN, Administrative Director of the Medical, Surgical and Critical Care Units with Mrs. Kilmartin.



John Tobin, President and CEO of Waterbury Hospital and Jennie Kilmartin pose near Water Wall.



Memorial Fund to Benefit Trauma Education



Betty Karas-Bartolini, RN, saved lives and practiced medicine with a passion for over 30 years. Her verve and insight into the human spirit often compelled her to call patients from home and work traumas in the ED on her days off.

Betty Karas-Bartolini, RN, was an employee of Waterbury Hospital for more than 30 years, with the last 20 of them as its Trauma Service Director in the Department of Surgery. Betty had the distinction of being the longest practicing Trauma Coordinator in Connecticut.

Mrs. Karas-Bartolini passed away in February after waging a tenacious battle against an illness to which she refused to bow. Her approach to her illness was characteristic of her approach to life: unflinching, indomitable, and unwavering.

It was that kind of dedication and determination that prompted her

husband and family members to establish the Betty Karas-Bartolini Memorial Trauma Fund in her memory. The purpose of the fund is to provide continuing trauma education for both hospital health care professionals and members of the Greater Waterbury community.

Contributions to this endowment may be sent to: The Betty Karas-Bartolini Trauma Fund, Waterbury Hospital Fund Development Department, Hale House, 64 Robbins Street, Waterbury, CT 06721.

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Jane Wong Honors Her Sister Colonel Helen Pon Onyett, RN, with "Water Wall" Brick

Jane Wong purchased a \$10,000 brick on the "Water Wall" in the Woodward Lobby to honor her sister Helen Pon Onyett, RN, an alumna of the Waterbury Hospital School of Nursing, class of 1939. Mrs. Onyett served her country as a U.S. Army Corps Nurse for 35 years. In 1971, Mrs. Onyett became the first Chinese American to attain the rank of Colonel. During her illustrious career she received a total of eight major decorations including the Legion of Merit, the Nation's third highest honor for distinguished military service.

Save the Date

June

Waterbury Hospital's 14th Annual Charity Golf Classic

Monday June 4, 2007

The Country Club of Waterbury

Proceeds to benefit the Waterbury Hospital

Emergency Department

Morning and afternoon flights available



September

The Waterbury Hospital Auxiliary House Tour

Featuring The Grand Homes of Waterbury

Saturday, September 8, 2007

November

Waterbury Hospital's Eighth Charity Gala "A Tribute to Our Stars"

Saturday, November 10, 2007

The Connecticut Grand Hotel, Waterbury

Proceeds to benefit the Waterbury Hospital

Emergency Department

For further information regarding any of the above events, please contact Jeanine Audette at 203-573-6083.

Gifts in Tribute

The following tributes were received between October 1, 2006 and March 15, 2007.

Gifts in Tribute provide an opportunity to:

- *Honor a physician or nurse who has touched your life*
- *Celebrate a special event such as an anniversary or birthday*
- *Honor the memory of a loved one*
- *Help provide the best healthcare to the residents of our community*

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