



# Insight

What makes a  
**GREAT** community  
volunteer?  
Meet two—  
the Wilsons



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# Meet Martha & Dave Wilson

## Wayne Memorial Volunteers

**WHEN MARTHA AND** Dave Wilson talk about volunteering at Wayne Memorial Hospital, the word “enrichment” comes up a lot.

“Your own life is enriched,” says Dave, “in many ways, but one is you become part of a community that you may never have connected with in your lifetime. You may even learn a new skill, like I did!”

Formerly a private school headmaster, nonprofit fundraiser and head of various area chambers of commerce and economic development organizations, Dave now counts “printing” among his many skills. He volunteers in the Wayne Memorial Hospital Print Shop.

“I feel like I accomplish projects there and really help Kevin (the printer),” says Dave, “and I don’t have to deal with meetings and fundraising.”

Dave and Martha, parents of three and grandparents of five, first met each other in northeast Pennsylvania at the Forest Lake Club, a private 5,000-acre community in Pike County where their families have had vacation property for generations. After living and working in New Jersey and New York State, the Wilsons moved to the Club permanently in 2000 and almost immediately began volunteering—Dave for the Welcome Lake Fire Company and Martha for Wayne Memorial.

Martha, who taught fourth grade for many years and describes herself as “a people person,” initially signed up as a hospice volunteer, but quickly found herself involved in the Auxiliary. “I went to an Auxiliary des-

sert meeting, I was just kind of ‘visiting,’ when another Auxilian, Mary Radell, said to me, ‘Honey, we need someone to run the uniform sale.’” Martha stepped up to the plate and eventually became Secretary, then Vice-President and finally, President of the Auxiliary.

A still-active Auxilian, Martha has helped organize many fundraising events over the years, including the Mistletoe Ball, the autumn tribute concerts and this past year, the Auxiliary’s first ever Garden Tour.

Martha was also a longtime member of the hospital’s Community Advisory Board, which she chaired from 2014–2020. Today, she’s on the Wayne Memorial Health Foundation Board and chairs both its Legacy Circle Committee and the Community Grants Committee.

“The Auxiliary, the Community Advisory Board, the Foundation—I have met some wonderful people who really care about their community,” says Martha, “The Community Advisory Board brings a lot of non-profit folks together and they have come up with great ideas for the hospital, like ramps and signage to help patients and visitors and the tobacco-free campus—valuable input!”

### Behind the Commitment...

“Dave and I both came from families that placed an emphasis on serving the community,” Martha explains. Her father was a federal judge, Dave’s dad ran a corporation in New York City.

“My father engraved it in me: help your community now and for future generations,” echoes Dave.

“I like to know I’m contributing, not just existing,” adds Martha. “Besides, volunteering for Wayne Memorial fills the gaps living out here in the woods,” she laughs.

Martha and Dave are active members, too, of the Forest Lake Club, where they met when she was 16 and he was 21. They have been active volunteers there as well, Dave since he was a teenager. He’s held every office except Treasurer of the Club.

“We never really ‘dated’ in the proper sense of the term,” Martha



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**The Wilson Clan!**

recalls, “we were just always around each other.”

After college at Lake Forest in Illinois, Martha headed to Boston to work with a local hospital on a maternal health study. Dave, who grew up in Summit, New Jersey, went to Williams College and then Harvard for a Master in Education. But it was a chaotic time in American history, and before he could use his degrees, Dave volunteered for the Army... and subsequently volunteered for the Vietnam War.

“I was in the Infantry OCS (Officer Candidate School) in Fort Benning, Georgia, and we were routinely called upon to perform a salute for a local soldier who had lost his life in Vietnam,” Dave says, “and after a while I thought, why are they there and I’m here? I felt an obligation to serve.”

Dave entered the war as the Tet Offensive got underway, and he was soon in-country. The 1968

*We are so fortunate to have many volunteers in our health system. Our board members all serve voluntarily and many put in hundreds of hours over their tenure. Our Auxilians are not only extraordinary, creative and hard-working fundraisers, they, like all our volunteers, including our hospital volunteers, are great advocates for Wayne Memorial. We couldn’t do it without them.*

—Lisa Champeau, Director  
Communications, Development & the  
Wayne Memorial Health Foundation



military campaign, which involved a profound escalation of U.S. troops, arguably changed the course of American opinion about the war.

“I saw a lot of terrible things in Vietnam,” Dave admits, “and I came back a changed person, not quite myself.

I learned a lot about human nature, man’s inhumanity to man, but also about facing challenges.”

A year after he returned from Vietnam, Martha and Dave wed in Martha’s hometown of West Chester, Pennsylvania.

“I had been in a terrible car accident,” Martha recounts, “and Dave came to see me in the hospital almost every day. I was smitten!”

Meanwhile, Dave “eased” himself into a career. His former Headmaster at the Pingry School, an independent day school in New Jersey, convinced Dave to teach and coach tennis and soccer at his alma mater. He eventually rose to the post of Assistant Headmaster and then Headmaster at Pingry.

After leading a \$25 million-fundraising campaign to build a new Pingry campus, which consequently made Dave the head of two campuses and 1,100 students... he was ready to move on! Dave and Martha’s three children—Sara, Christine (“Tine”) and Ken—were still young, and family life was calling. Dave took the Headmaster position at Upland Country Day School in

Chester County, near Martha’s home turf. He changed jobs one more time, to an assistant headmaster position on Long Island, before life events propelled the Wilsons to return to the place they loved, the Forest Lake Club.

Once there, Dave went to work for the Pike Chamber of Commerce as its executive director. He helped found United Way of Pike with several others, including former WMH staffer Jack Dennis and former WMH/WMHS Board Chair Lee Oakes. He helped raise funds to build the Route 6 Visitors’ Center in Hawley. He certainly wasn’t slowing down!

“Nope, but then one day I was!” he chuckles. “I had had enough of meetings and commuting. Let Martha do that!”

Martha smiles. Just a few months into her position as chair of the Paul M. and Sandra Meagher Legacy Circle at the Foundation, she already has one successful event under her belt—with more planned.

“It keeps my mind engaged and keeps me organized,” she says, “there are things I’m responsible for!

“Dave likes to fish, I like to walk in the woods,” Martha continues, “but, as I said, I need people. I truly believe Wayne Memorial is a great asset to our community and, for me, too, volunteering is definitely enriching—and hopefully, the hospital benefits from our being there as well.”



## Good Community Volunteers Are...

*All of our volunteers are so generous with their time, skills and resources. Martha and Dave do what they do because of their compassion and passion to help others... nothing is beneath them. They embody the true meaning of volunteering....serving others with no ulterior motive.*

—Joyce Malicky, WMH Volunteer Coordinator

*A volunteer should be dependable for one thing. Give it 100% and be willing to do whatever comes up, even if it’s not exactly what you signed up for—like taking out the garbage. And, the organization is key! Believe in the organization’s mission and pick one that’s also supportive of you and matches you up with tasks that fit you.*

—Dave Wilson, WMH Volunteer

*It helps if your goal is to really help the organization for which you are volunteering. I do believe in Wayne Memorial’s mission—and that helps motivate me to do a good job.*

—Martha Wilson, WMH volunteer

*Dave is a great volunteer. He gets an awful lot done and really helps me catch up. He never complains and he ‘gets’ it, gets that I am the only printer and I often have to fill in elsewhere, like the loading dock. He’s a special guy, he treats me like family!*

—Kevin Palan, WMH Printer



# Remembering Steve!

## Longtime Volunteer Honored on WMH Giving Tree

**T**HE GIVING TREE at Wayne Memorial Hospital has a new leaf, a symbolic tribute to Stephen Kaminsky, who volunteered at the hospital and passed away in June of 2022. Kaminsky's wife, Keta, purchased the leaf in Steve's honor, "because of his love, respect and devotion to Wayne Memorial Hospital." Steve was a front-desk greeter, a member and President-elect of the Wayne Memorial Hospital Auxiliary when he died, and perhaps most memorably: co-owner with Keta of pet-therapy dogs. The Lakeville, Pennsylvania, couple spent hours with patients in the Inpatient Rehabilitation unit and the Infusion Clinic. Keta continues to carry on this mission of kindness. Before he retired, Steve, a U.S. Army veteran, was a police officer in New Jersey, where he helped organize a hostage squad and was a police instructor in the fields of explosives and hostage negotiations. According to his obituary, Steve was the first certified bomb technician in Middlesex County.

The Giving Tree honors or memorializes individuals through donations to the Wayne Memorial Health Foundation (WMHF). For more information, visit [wmh.org](http://wmh.org) or email [wmhf@wmh.org](mailto:wmhf@wmh.org).

*Photo, l. to r.: Michelle Corrigan, RN/WMH Auxiliary; Lisa Champeau, director Communications & WMHF; Joyce Malicky, WMH Volunteer Coordinator; Bradley Rosenhouse and Barry Rosenhouse, Steve's nephews; Keta Kaminsky; Jayne Kaminsky Rosenhouse; Jeff Rosenhouse; James Pettinato, BSN, MHA, CCRN-K, WMH CEO; Judy Eisenhauer RN, director WMH Post-Acute Care; Diane Popovich, WMH Auxiliary President.*

*Keta and dog, Abby, in the WMH Infusion Clinic with patient Joseph Knapp/Greeley.*





## *Legacy Event!*

**T**HE PAUL M. & SANDRA MEAGHER Legacy Circle Committee, chaired by Martha Wilson, hosted an informational—and fun—seminar at the Dorflinger Factory Museum, White Mills, on October 23rd. Titled “Wayne Memorial Now & Into the Future,” the event included three speakers, a tour of the museum and catered appetizers. Wayne Memorial Hospital (WMH) CEO James Pettinato, BSN, MHA, CCRN-K, kicked off the afternoon with a speech about the hospital’s initiatives in the last 10 years and where plans would take it in the next decade. Elizabeth Barnette, a senior vice president and philanthropic strategist with Bank of America/Merrill Lynch, went over ways people might support the hospital with planned gifts. And Paul Meagher truly entertained the crowd of about 40 with his stories of his involvement with the hospital over the years, including a few humorous tales about WMH’s former and late Chief of Staff, Harry Propst, MD. Three people signed up for the Legacy Circle after the event, which means they have taken measures to remember WMH in their estate plans.

*Group photo above, l. to r.: Director Lisa Champeau, WMH Communications, Development & Foundation; Elizabeth Barnette; Jim Pettinato; WMH CFO Patty Dunsinger; Jordan Ubertini, CRPC®, CPFA, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management.*





## *Lemnitzer Fund Donates to Wayne Memorial Health Foundation*

**A GENEROUS DONATION** was received in January by the Wayne Memorial Health Foundation's Century Fund from the Ernest and Margaret Lemnitzer Memorial Fund. The charitable contribution of \$24,559.54 brings the total distributed to the Foundation since the fund's inception to nearly \$348,000.

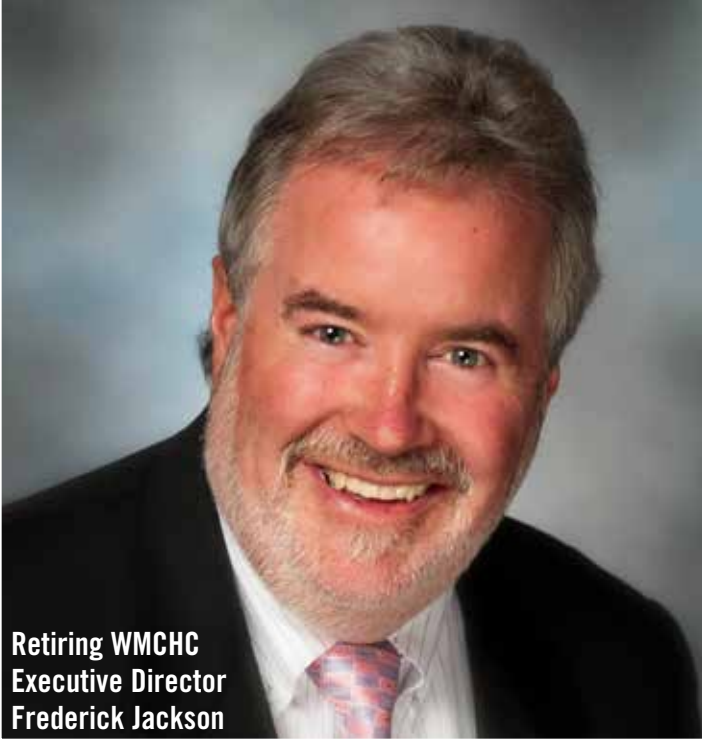
The Lemnitzer Memorial Fund was created in 1991 to preserve the Lemnitzer family's legacy of supporting local charitable organizations and providing scholarships to Honesdale High School students. Ernest was the brother of the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Honesdale resident, Lyman Lemnitzer.

The Ernest and Margaret Lemnitzer Memorial Fund is administered by The Honesdale National Bank (HNB) and local Honesdale businessman, Paul Meagher. To date, grants in excess of \$2.7 Million have been paid to qualifying recipients.

"The Ernest and Margaret Lemnitzer Fund has benefited so many in our community, including young people who sought nursing careers at Wayne Memorial Hospital," said Lisa Champeau, director of the Wayne Memorial Health Foundation.

"The fund's support of our Foundation and its goals has been unwavering, and we are grateful to the Lemnitzer family and to those entrusted with their legacy, Paul Meagher and The Honesdale National Bank."

*Pictured l to r: Lisa Champeau, director Wayne Memorial Health Foundation/Wayne Memorial Hospital (WMH) Communications & Development, Charlie Curtin HNB VP and Trust Officer, Paul Meagher Co-Trustee, WMH CEO James Pettinato, BSN, MHSA, CCRN-K.*



Retiring WMCHC  
Executive Director  
Frederick Jackson



Incoming WMCHC  
Chief Executive Officer  
Teresa Lacey, RN, BSN, CPHQ

## *Changing of the Guard at WMCHC*

**FREDERICK (FRED) JACKSON**, who helped launch Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC) in 2007, turned over the reins to Teresa Lacey, RN, BSN, CPHQ at the end of January. Lacey stepped into her new role with Jackson's blessing.

"Terri has the ability, compassion, commitment and leadership needed," said Jackson, "to shepherd our organization to continued future success."

In her more than 30-year healthcare career in northeast Pennsylvania, Lacey held various leadership positions encompassing behavioral health, emergency services, inpatient care, home health and quality improvement.

"Working throughout the whole continuum has helped me learn a great deal about accessibility of care," stated Lacey.

She most recently served as the Executive Director of the Behavioral Health Initiative at the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine in Scranton for six years. She was the Senior Vice President of Operations / Quality & Safety and Human Effectiveness at The Wright Center Medical Group & Center for Graduate Medical Education, Scranton, for three years. Lacey also spent three years as the Chief Operating Officer for Emergency Services and Smart Operational Solutions in Dunmore. Earlier in her career she was employed by Scranton's Community Medical Center where she spent seven years as the Director of Nursing. Prior to that, Lacey held management positions in the areas of Quality Improvement and Home Health for the former Mercy Hospital, also located in Scranton.

Lacey said she "loves the mission of a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)—serving the underserved," and added that she feels her background in healthcare quality improvement "matches up with that mission."

Lacey looks forward to maintaining the symbiotic relationship between Wayne Memorial Hospital and WMCHC by "working toward goals that align with each other," she said, noting, "we are serving the same community although we are two separate entities."

During Jackson's tenure, he was credited with growing the multi-specialty network of physician offices from a few sites to the current roster of 18 sites serving nine communities across four counties. Also notable was his leadership of the fourth largest FQHC in Pennsylvania during the height of the COVID 19 pandemic. Additionally, Jackson served as the Chair of the Pennsylvania Community Health Centers Board of Directors for several years.

"It's been a great run," said Jackson, "and I've had the pleasure of working with wonderful staff over the years who will continue our mission."

WMCHC is a FQHC clinically affiliated with Wayne Memorial Health System, Inc. For more information regarding our services, visit [www.wmhchc.net](http://www.wmhchc.net)



## Fred Jackson Send-off!

**T**HE BACK ROOM of Frank's Place in Simpson was packed on February 1st for a retirement celebration for Fred Jackson, outgoing executive director of Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC). Former and current staff, board members, Wayne Memorial Hospital folks, lots of medical providers and "friends of Fred's" were all in attendance. Cheri Rinehart, President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers (PACHC), came up from the Harrisburg area to toast Fred and commend him for the growth of WMCHC—currently the 4th largest, in terms of number of patients, out of 42 federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) in the state. Fred was PACHC Board Chairman from April of 2020 to December of 2021.

Speakers also included former WMCHC and WMH/WMHS Board Chairman Peter Rodgers, former WMH CEO David Hoff, current WMCHC Board member Steve Guccini and Endless Mountains Health Systems CEO Loren Stone, an old friend of Fred's. Wynter Newman, WMCHC Administrative Director talked about her early days at WMCHC and praised Fred for his leadership style—"One of the first things Fred told me upon hire was that he would support me in any decision that I made but would tell me behind closed doors if I had done something wrong. This allowed me to be confident in my decision making and grow in my career."

Fred's laid-back manner and sense of humor were also saluted. There was that story about the fake priest...!

Since he helped launch WMCHC in 2007, the FQHC has evolved from just a few sites to 18 sites in nine communities across four counties. Jackson said he hopes to still be involved in Wayne Memorial in some way on a part-time basis...so long as it doesn't interfere with his golf days!



**Who's the REAL Fred?**  
(Hint: the one who doesn't need the Wayne Memorial badge any more!)



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## *In Gratitude for Board Services*

**W**AYNE MEMORIAL HEALTH System thanked two retiring board members for their time by giving each a symbolic gift, “time back” in the form of a clock. James Labar and Linda Harding-Buchmann both served on the System’s Long-Term Care Board, which oversees Wayne Memorial’s skilled nursing home, Wayne Woodlands Manor in Waymart.

Labar served the Health System for two decades, including two stints as Chairman of the Board of Long-Term Care. Harding-Buchmann served from 2013–2022.

CEO James Pettinato, BSN, MHSA, CCRN-K, along with Wayne Memorial Hospital/Health System Board Chair Hugh Rechner, were very appreciative of both Labar and Harding-Buchmann.

Outgoing Wayne Memorial Health Foundation Board Member Jeff Skier, who served from 2007–2022, was also given a clock in absentia.

All Wayne Memorial board members serve voluntarily, with no compensation other than the satisfaction of knowing they are engaged in positive work for the community they live in.

*Photo, l. to r.: Rechner, Harding-Buchmann, Christine Rechner/Chair Long-Term Care Board, Labar, Pettinato.*



## Wayne Memorial Emergency Department

### New Team in Place

“I’M THRILLED WITH the team we have here,” says Todd J. Holmes, MD, medical director of the Wayne Memorial Emergency Department (ED), “the staff is very forward looking, they maintain excellent standards, follow protocols, and—they get stuff done!”

Dr. Holmes joined Wayne Memorial October 1 of last year, when CEO James Pettinato, BSN, MHSA, CCRN-K, made significant changes in the ED, beginning with ending the physician contract with ER-One, a Michigan-based provider, and bringing on all board-certified Emergency Medicine physicians from the Geisinger Health System in Wilkes Barre.

“Jim wanted a long-term, committed, well-trained group,” says Dr. Holmes, “with a consistent level of quality.”

Holmes received his medical degree from Georgetown University in Washington, DC in 1986. Since that time, he’s worked primarily in northeastern Pennsylvania, including the former Marian Community Hospital in Carbondale, the former Mid-Valley Hospital in Peckville, and Geisinger Hospital-South Wilkes Barre.

In addition to having all-board certified physicians, for the first time all the ED mid-levels such as physician assistants and nurse practitioners, are now Wayne Memorial employees.

“Our goal was to create more stability among our staff,” says Pettinato, “and in doing so offer the community a higher quality experience.”

Pettinato, a former ED nurse himself, adds that it was also decided to tap another physician, Matthew Fisher, DO, to be the ED’s Trauma Program Medical Director, a position which was formerly part of the ED Medical Director’s duties. Dr. Fisher earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg, Virginia, in 2015 and worked most recently at Geisinger as well.

“Due to the increased volume of trauma patients and requirements for clinical oversight, we determined it was better to assign someone who would be dedicated to the program,” Pettinato explains, noting WMH is a certified Level IV Trauma Center (as well as a certified Primary Stroke Center.) Between January of 2017 and the end of August, 2022, WMH’s Trauma program saw 3,105 patients. “About 500 of those patients ultimately met trauma criteria for treatments in accordance with nationally accepted standards,” states Pettinato.

Dr. Holmes has already grown to enjoy his new post. “We may not have as many specialists as big urban centers, but the staff here really stays on top of everything,” he says, “This is actually my favorite Emergency Department to work in.”

*Photo: Todd J. Holmes, MD, Medical Director Emergency Department.*



**ED DANIELS, Certified Physician Assistant (PA-C)**, is working once again with Wayne Memorial Hospital's Orthopaedic team which today encompasses the offices of Jeffrey Mogerma, M.D. in Waymart and David Caucci, M.D. and Keith Cordischi, D.O. at Honesdale Orthopaedics on Route 191/ Lake Ariel Highway.

Daniels was an integral member of Dr. Mogerma's staff between 1985 and 2000. From that time until recently, he was employed by St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem, PA working in the department of Subspecialties Surgery. Daniels says he "looks forward to serving the practice and community" across Wayne Memorial's service area including Wayne and Pike Counties as well as the greater Carbondale and Forest City regions.

Daniels is a life-long resident of Honesdale. He completed undergraduate studies at Penn State University and graduated from the Physician Assistant Program at King's College. His career as a PA-C spans more than 37 years.



**CASEY BADIK, Certified Physician Assistant (PA-C)**, is the newest staffer at the Carbondale Family Health Center, part of Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC). In December, she joined Board-certified Family Physician T.J. Luma, M.D. and Sharon Savakinas, PA-C, at the practice and is now seeing patients of all ages..

"Casey's past experience and ability to implement treatment plans tailored to a patient's individual needs will allow us to provide the same quality care as in the past," stated Wynter Newman, administrative director for WMCHC.

Badik, who previously worked at Geisinger sites in Scranton and Kingston, says she was impressed with WMCHC from the start, "I was looking to transition to an organization where I would feel valued and appreciated. I truly think I made the right choice."

Badik, born and raised in Scranton, completed her graduate education with a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies from Marywood University after earning a Bachelor's degree from West Chester University, PA.



Wayne Memorial Hospital's Cardiology office in its Physician Specialty Clinic recently welcomed **Nurse Practitioner LORI JORDAN, CRNP, CHFNP** as its newest provider. Jordan has been a nurse practitioner for 19 years focusing on treating patients suffering from heart disease.

Impressed by Wayne Memorial's "commitment to providing high quality care to the community," Jordan says, "I'm pleased to bring my diverse cardiac experience to the Wayne Memorial family, to contribute to the team and serve the lake region community."

Jordan is a Certified Heart Failure Nurse (CHFNP) and works under the supervision of Board-certified Interventional Cardiologists Walid Hassan, MD, MACP, FAHA, FACC, FCCP, FSCAI, FSVM, the Medical Director of the facility's Heart & Vascular Center, and Bradley Serwer, MD, as well as Board-certified General Cardiologist Joseph Laureti, DO.

After earning a Master's degree in Nursing from College Misericordia, Dallas, PA, Jordan worked as a nurse practitioner specializing in cardiology, internal medicine, dialysis and critical care. She held positions with Geisinger practices in the Wilkes-Barre and Pittston areas and worked most recently at North Penn Cardiovascular Specialists, Clarks Summit, PA.



**PERRY LANGBEIN, CRNP**, arrived at Lake Region Urgent Care, part of Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC), last fall. The urgent care center in Honesdale is open to patients seven days a week for non-life threatening conditions from 9 am to 7 pm.

Langbein earned his Master's Degree in Nursing from the University of Scranton and a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Misericordia University, Dallas, PA. He completed clinical rotations toward his nurse practitioner degree at Lake Region and the Honesdale Family Health Center—another WMCHC entity.

In addition to his education as a CRNP, Langbein has experience as a board-certified emergency and trauma nurse. After working in busy emergency departments in Scranton, PA and Newton, New Jersey, he is comfortable and enthusiastic about his new post at Lake Region. "The flow, the setting, it's an important service," he stated. "I think I found my niche here."

## *Nephrologist Joins Wayne Memorial*



**B**oard-certified Nephrologist **CYRIACUS ANAELE, MD**, began seeing patients at Wayne Memorial Hospital this past fall. In addition to diagnosing and treating hospital patients, Dr. Anaele has an outpatient practice at the Physician Specialty Clinic at the hospital. His work includes overseeing dialysis procedures both at Wayne Memorial and at outpatient dialysis centers in the area.

Dr. Anaele graduated from medical school in his native Nigeria and then went on to complete an internship and residency in internal medicine at New York City's Health & Hospital System, followed by a fellowship in Nephrology at Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Lubbock, Texas. Dr. Anaele is also board-certified in Internal Medicine. He was most recently employed in a private nephrology practice in Acworth, Georgia, a suburb of Atlanta.

"I'm very pleased to come to Wayne Memorial," said Dr. Anaele, "the hospital has a lot to offer and it will bring me closer to my sister, who lives in the Baltimore area, and other members of my family."

"Dr. Anaele's skill is serving our community well," said Wayne Memorial CEO James Pettinato, BSN, MHSA, CCRN-K. "Having Dr. Anaele in-house means Wayne Memorial is able to provide nephrology services to our patients in the hospital and significantly reduce the need for transfer to another facility. Keeping the patient local means being closer to home for families to visit which is critical to any patient's recovery during an illness."

Dr. Anaele began dialysis services for patients in the Wayne Memorial Inpatient Rehabilitation unit, with plans to expand the service to all inpatients requiring that treatment.

Nephrology brings the number of specialties to four in the hospital's Physician Specialty Clinic. On the fourth floor, Dr. Anaele joins pulmonologist Sean McVeigh, MD, FCCP, FACP; cardiologist Joseph Laureti, DO; and interventional cardiologists Bradley Serwer, MD, FACC and Halid Wassan, MD ACP Master, FAHA, FACC, FCCP, FSCAI. A gastroenterologist, Clifford Carrol, provides services on the second floor of the hospital.

## *Wayne Memorial Adds Board-certified General Surgeon to Staff*



**A**LSO THIS PAST fall, Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC) welcomed **Board-certified General Surgeon FELIPE ORELLANA, DO**, to the staff of Honesdale Surgical Associates. Dr. Orellana performs a broad range of procedures including endoscopic and laparoscopic surgeries at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Honesdale, PA.

Dr. Orellana earned his medical degree from Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, New York, NY. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI and obtained a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Biological Sciences from Drexel College of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA. He completed his general surgical residency at St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway, NY through Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine where he served as Administrative/Academic Chief Resident. Dr. Orellana has practiced acute care surgery in hospitals located in New Jersey and New York prior to joining Wayne Memorial's Medical Staff.

Having worked within various hospital systems, Dr. Orellana says what sets Wayne Memorial apart is the "team-work aspect" demonstrated by the staff. Additionally, being stationed in Honesdale has also brought him closer to his family living in northern New Jersey.

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# New Position at WMH to Help Patients & Families

## Navigate Care Transitions



**WAYNE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** created a new Post-Acute Care Director position to coordinate all the Health System's post-acute care services, including Home Health and Hospice Services, inpatient rehabilitation and skilled nursing at Wayne Woodlands Manor. Judy Eisenhauer, DNP, RN, MSN Ed, CRRN, BA accepted the post, formally ending her 14 years as manager of the former Wayne Memorial-Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Center at Wayne Memorial Hospital.

"When a patient is referred to one of these services, this new position will assure patients are navigated, rather than simply referred, from acute to post-acute care," said CEO James Pettinato, BSN, MHSA, CCRN-K. Noting that transitions of care are delicate times for patients, Pettinato added that, "having an oversight person such as Judy will ultimately help buffer the process and also leverage all our health system resources with the goal of returning a patient to their previous level of function with the least likely chance of being re-admitted for acute services."

Eisenhauer has extensive experience in the post-acute arena. Prior to managing the hospital's inpatient rehabilitation unit, she served as the Assistant Director of Nursing at the Sullivan County Adult Care Center in Monticello for two years. She has held several teaching positions at Lackawanna College, Sullivan County BOCES and the McCann School of Business and Technology. At Wayne Memorial, Eisenhauer has chaired several health safety committees, including one on Falls Prevention.

"The work of the Falls Prevention Committee was instrumental in significantly reducing our fall risk potentials and helping to reduce our overall incidence of falls," said Pettinato.

Eisenhauer received her Doctorate in Nursing Leadership from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona and both her Masters in Nursing Education and her Bachelor's in the Science of Nursing from Chamberlain University in Oakbrook, Illinois. She also holds a bachelor's degree from Canyon College in Idaho, as well as associate's degrees from both Sullivan County Community College in New York and Keystone College, Pennsylvania. In addition, Eisenhauer has a Health Occupations Teaching Certificate from Oswego University in New York.

"It's an honor to assume this new position. It really brings all of my experience together for the benefit of our patient population," said Eisenhauer. "I look forward to helping to move Wayne Memorial into a new era of post-acute care."

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network terminated its management agreement with Wayne Memorial last September, and, according to Pettinato, "ended all of its affiliate relationships to focus more on its directly-owned facilities."



## *First Patient Life-flighted to Wayne Memorial for Lifesaving Treatment*

**F**OR THE FIRST time since Wayne Memorial Hospital constructed a helipad in 2016, a patient was flown to the hospital's helipad for life-saving treatment at Wayne Memorial late last summer. All other flights have been to transfer patients out from Wayne Memorial to a higher level of care.

"They told me I could go to Wayne Memorial or Orange Regional (now Garnet) for my heart," the patient, Doug Mills of Callicoon, New York, said later. "I chose Wayne because I heard they had good doctors there."

Wayne Memorial CEO James Pettinato, BSN, MHSA, CCRN-K, confirmed that Mills was a cardiac patient in critical condition when he was transported from Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills' Grover M. Hermann Hospital just outside Callicoon to Wayne Memorial's helipad on Route 191 in Honesdale.

Mills and the flight team from Life-Net, a New York based helicopter evacuation unit, were then whisked to the hospital less than a mile away by a White Mills ambulance crew.

Bradley Serwer, MD, FACC, one of Wayne Memorial's interventional cardiologists, performed a catheterization procedure on the patient in the hospital's Heart & Vascular Center. Mills shared that "Dr. Serwer put in five stents" and basically "saved my life."

Pettinato was thankful to "the Garnet-Grover Herman Hospital medical team and to LifeNet and White Mills Ambulance, who brought the patient to us expeditiously and safely."

*Photo: Flight crew from LifeNet New York that escorted the first patient ever life-flighted to Wayne Memorial Hospital's helipad for cardiac treatment at the hospital. Left to right: Stephen Parenti, First Responder Driver, Andrew Moss, EMT; Mike Nuzzi, pilot; Tricia Haile, flight nurse; Aaron Peck, flight medic.*



## *WMH Receives Level IV Trauma Re-accreditation*

**W**AYNE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL'S Level IV Trauma Center was recertified for two years after a rigorous survey by the accrediting body, Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation. Level IV trauma centers are able to provide initial care and stabilization of a traumatic injury—serious or critical bodily injury—while arranging transfer to a higher level of trauma care. Some of the most common traumatic injuries are caused by falls, motor vehicle crashes, burns and assaults. Wayne Memorial Hospital (WMH) first became accredited in 2017, after building a helipad less than a mile from the hospital to facilitate patient transfers.

“This recertification recognizes the excellence of our staff and our commitment to quality care,” said CEO James Pettinato, BSN, MHSA, CCRN-K. “As with any serious injury or medical event, time is of the essence and to have this kind of care close to home is very significant in a rural community.”

Pettinato especially thanked Karen Novobilski, RN, BSN, Nursing & Trauma Quality Manager, who oversaw the survey process, as well as Michelle Mikolaski, Trauma Registrar, and both current Trauma Program Manager, Erica Wilbur, RN and former manager Lucille Young, RN. He extended kudos as well to the physician team of Louis D’Oro, MD, Lisa Medvetz, MD and Stanley Skoniecki, MD.

“This was truly a team effort,” said Novobilski, “Trauma diagnosis and treatment is multi-disciplinary, involving coordination between life-flight crews, EMS services, receiving facilities for transfers, and of course many hospital departments including but not limited to the Emergency Department, Laboratory Services, Radiology, Orthopedics, Surgery, Nursing and Rehabilitation Services.”

*Photo, l. to r.: Louis D’Oro, MD; Michele Churney, RN, MSN, BSN, manager Outpatient Services; Michelle Mikolaski, Trauma Registrar; Erica Wilbur, RN, Trauma Program Manager; Karen Novobilski, RN, BSN, Trauma Quality Manger; WMH CEO James Pettinato, BSN, MHSA, CCRN-K; Lisa Medvetz, MD.*





## Heart & Vascular Center Milestones

### Reaccreditation, Chest Pain Center, 2000th Patient

**W**AYNE MEMORIAL'S HEART & Vascular Center marked more than one highlight in the last six months. In the fall, the unit's Percutaneous Coronary Infusion (PCI) program was reaccredited by Corazon, Inc., after a thorough survey that proved Wayne Memorial had once again met or exceeded national and state standards. About the same time, Wayne Memorial also received provisional accreditation from Corazon for a brand new service, a Chest Pain Center.

What's a Chest Pain Center? It's primarily a set of protocols designed to improve the quality and efficiency of care for patients who may be experiencing a life-threatening heart attack. Anyone who comes to the hospital's Emergency Department complaining of chest pain—pain from the neck to the umbilicus—is now receiving an EKG (electrocardiogram test) within 10 minutes to begin the process of either confirming or ruling out a serious cardiac issue.

"Not all chest pain is cardiac, but cardiac chest pain is the most critical, and if we can help people receive the proper treatment more quickly, we will undoubtedly save lives," said Walid Hassan, MD, MACP, FAHA, FACC, FCCP, FSCAI, interventional cardiologist and medical director of the hospital's cardiac catheterization laboratory, the Heart & Vascular Center.

Statistically only about half of Emergency Department patients reporting chest pain actually have a life-threatening cardiac issue, but prompt treatment is key.

"Wayne Memorial is also set up to treat non-cardiac chest pain caused by other issues, such as heartburn, anxiety, pleurisy or asthma," said Dr. Hassan, "but when signs point to acute coronary issues, our cardiologists are called in to consult and prescribe the next steps, which could be a stress test or echocardiogram or, if needed, a cath lab procedure."

In January, the Heart & Vascular Center also celebrated treating its 2000th patient since the center opened in 2016. The patient and his wife were given a plaque and a blanket and a host of thank-yous for choosing Wayne Memorial.

*Celebrating the 2000th patient in the Heart & Vascular Center, l. to r.: Cassidy Cohen, RT; Kristen Schmale, RT; Dr. Hassan; and Sandi Skrobiszewski, RT (R), RCIS, former Lead Cardiovascular Care Coordinator.*

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## *New & Shiny*

### **Imaging Acquires Two New Machines**

**A** SECOND CT scan was installed this past fall in the east wing of the Radiology-Emergency Department ambulance entry area, near the hospital loading dock and the PET-CT mobile station. Both the original CT and the new one are Aquilon Prime scanners from Canon Medical, which is described as “offering quality with the lowest dose of radiation possible.” According to the literature, one rotation is all it takes to acquire a whole heart and multiple anatomical areas can be captured within one breath hold and one contrast injection.

Most importantly, having a second CT scanner will reduce wait times in Radiology, said the Director of Diagnostic Imaging & Cardiology Services, Rob Brzuchalski, CRA, RT, RDMS. “We acquired the new CT primarily to improve access and capacity for all patient classes—inpatients, outpatients and Emergency Department patients—and to minimize exam wait times.

“This will help us better support our Stroke and Trauma programs as well. Having such redundancy will greatly reduce, if not eliminate downtime, within the CT service line.”

Brzuchalski admitted that COVID exacerbated the wait-time issue and helped make the case for a second

CT. While a CT scan is not always indicated for COVID, it is warranted in certain clinical scenarios around the disease.

*Photo above, l. to r.: Doug Buchinski, RT; Joseph Pochis, RT; Chelse LaTourette, RT; Chloe Hedgelon, RT; Rob Brzuchalski.*



**I**MAGING SERVICES ALSO opened a new Radiographic/Fluoroscopic Room on October 24th. Like CT and mammography, fluoroscopy also uses radiation. It’s a medical procedure that passes X-rays through the body, using several brief pulses of radiation, to make a real-time video of the movements inside a part of the body. While an X-ray is a single snapshot, fluoroscopy provides continuous images.

*Photo, l. to r.: Charles Barax, MD/Chief Radiologist; Sara Leonardi, RT; Liz Santiago, Applications Specialist; Chrissy Kapalski, RT.*

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