


Two Windham Hospital Nurses Receive Nightingale Awards

Two Windham nurses, — **Kathy Galinat** and **MaryAnn Duchene** — were nominated by their peers and received the annual Nightingale Award for Nursing Excellence during a dinner presentation on May 9, in Hartford. Locally, the two were honored during National Nurses' Week. 

Kathy Galinat (l) and MaryAnn Duchene



2013 Desmarais Nursing Scholarships Winners Announced

Nicole Gavis (l) and Stephania McBride


Stephania McBride and Nicole Gavis have been announced as the 2013 recipients of the Jane M. Desmarais Memorial Scholarship. The scholarships, intended to help Windham Hospital nurses further their education, are bestowed annually by the Desmarais family in memory of **Jane M. Desmarais**, a dedicated Windham Hospital nurse.



National Hospital Week

May 12-18, 2013

Windham Hospital celebrates National Hospital Week

Windham Hospital hosted a special Ice Cream Social on Monday, May 13 to celebrate National Hospital Week. Members of the Executive Team served up ice cream, frozen yogurt and sundae toppings to appreciative daytime staff members, while members of the Nursing Administration Team circulated the confections to evening shift workers. 



Top Left: **Marty Levine** and **Heather Tindall** serve ice cream to **Beverly Rose** and **Nate Goodrich**.

Top Right: **Kate Starkey**, **Cary Trantalis**, and **Steve Larcen**.

Bottom Left: **Sue Reardon**, **Thomas Gilmore, MD**, and **Megan Johns** with their Hospital Week treats.

Bottom Right: **Trevor Fields** enjoys his sundae.



Windham Hospital Celebration of Service

Windham Hospital held its annual Celebration of Service dinner on May 23 to honor 158 employees with a combined 1,800 years of service to the hospital. Staff members with 40, 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10, 5 and 3 years of service were recognized. 🌱



Pictured at Left:
Sharon Lee, Medical Staff Coordinator at Windham Hospital, was honored for 40 years of service during Windham Hospital's Celebration of Service dinner on May 23.

Pictured Below:
Jo Monty-Ouellette and Louise Ference-Simon received certificates for 30 years of service.



Pictured Above:
Steve Larcen, President and CEO, congratulates **Ed Bussiere** on 35 years of service to the hospital. Bussiere will retire later this summer.

Pictured at Right:
35 Years of Service, Left to right: **Irene Juzyn, Ed Bussiere, Jane Tracy, RN, LeeAnn Marschat, Sue Fargo, RN, and Sheila Guyot.**



Steven Goldblatt, MD

Windham Cardiologist Honored

Windham Hospital cardiologist **Steven Goldblatt, MD**, of Hartford HealthCare Medical Group, Windham Cardiology, was honored by the Hartford Hospital Cardiovascular Nursing Education Committee during its spring symposium for his ongoing support of nursing education.

Dr. Goldblatt's family has helped establish a scholarship for cardiology nursing education in honor of his late mother-in-law, a former nurse, who received care at the Henry Low Heart Center at Hartford Hospital during the last months of her life. 🌱



Cancer Survivor Day/ Relay for Life

Members of the Oncology Staff at Windham Hospital hosted cancer survivors at the June 1 Relay for Life/Cancer Survivor Day Celebration in Willimantic. The annual event celebrates those living with cancer, and was made possible, in part, through the generosity of the Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation. Cancer Survivors Day 2013 included stories of inspiration, hope, and survival, and a special survivors' "victory lap" during the Relay. Guest speakers included **W. Jeffrey Baker, MD**; **Eileen Ossen** of the Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation; **Aline Hoffman**, Psychotherapist; and **Gail Marks**, Massage Therapist. 🌈

Windham Hospital led the way! The Windham Hospital Healers Team at the Relay included 22 members, who raised \$2,368 to help finish the fight against cancer. Pictured below, left to right: **Del Craig**, **Carol Palonen**, **Pat Zikorus**, **Kate Starkey**, **Kathy Hawkins**, and **MaryAnn Duchene**.



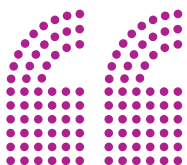


Above: Enjoying the day were, left to right, **Lesley Gumbs, MD**, **Yvette Martas, MD**, both from Mansfield OB/GYN, and **Justin Tremblay, DC**, from the Hebron Chiropractic Center.

Right: **Darci McHenry** paints 9-year-old **Adam Lesinski's** face during the Windham Hospital Center for Women's Health open house on May 18 in Hebron.

Windham Hospital Center for Women's Health Open House

Windham Hospital hosted an open house for its Center for Women's Health in Hebron on May 18. The center, located at 21 Liberty Drive in Hebron, houses four exam rooms, bone density, ultrasound and mammography imaging technology, and Clinical Lab Partners (CLP) lab services. **Yvette Martas, MD**; **Rob Gildersleeve, MD**; and **Kathleen Zacherl, MD**, of Mansfield OB/GYN see patients there four days a week. The open house included tours, free health screenings, refreshments, a face painter and balloon bender.



Windham Crafter Donates Baby Caps



At 92, **Leontine Rouette** of Willimantic, wanted to continue assisting people in the area, and what could be better than to help new babies and their families! Ms. Rouette is one of many individuals who provide some of the special little personal touches for Windham Hospital's patients, and her recent gift of 55 beautiful, hand-crafted baby caps will literally touch and warm Windham patients! 🧶

Leontine Rouette shows off some of her handiwork.

Hospital Re-Accredited in Radiology and Sleep Medicine

Windham Hospital has been recognized for its excellent service through its accrediting agencies this spring. The Department of

Radiology earned a three-year term of accreditation in MRI, ultrasound, and breast ultrasound following extensive peer review by experts from the American College of Radiology (ACR). Image quality, personnel

qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures, and quality assurance programs are evaluated during the proc-



ess, and the findings are provided to the hospital in a comprehensive report which can then be used for continuous practice improvement.



In a separate review, The Windham Hospital Center for Sleep Medicine was also re-accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, certifying that the Center has maintained AASM standards in test-

ing, policies and procedures, patient safety, and physician/staff training. 🧶

Paramedic Program Recognized for Care Initiative

In March, 2012, the Windham Hospital Emergency Medical Staff implemented a special program providing additional resources to the families of loved ones who were presumed dead at home. In the program, when a paramedic responds to a home-call and finds that the person has died, before leaving they provide the family with a pamphlet that covers all of the important steps that should be taken by the family—who to notify, things the funeral home will need, what to do after the funeral, and information on organ and tissue donation. There are also key phone numbers of services available at Windham Hospital, such as medical records, social services, and the chaplain's office.



In April 2013, the program received the Hartford HealthCare Patient Experience Collaborative's Humanitarian Award. During the awards ceremony, **William Muskett**, Program Manager, and his team were commended by the panel of judges as outstanding caregivers. Pictured above, left to right: **Kathy Stevens, RN, MSN**, VP Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at Midstate Medical Center and one of the organizers of the Patient Experience Collaborative for 2013; **William Muskett, NREMT-P, RRT**, Windham Hospital EMS Program Manager and **Rocco Orlando, MD**, Sr. VP & Chief Medical Director, Hartford HealthCare.



Jeep Ride Brings In \$5k for Windham Hospital

“Jeepin’ for the Cause,” a recreational Jeep ride sponsored by Capitol Chrysler Dodge Jeep on May 5, raised more than \$5,000 for Windham Hospital. Jeep owners paid \$75 per vehicle to drive on three different trails of varying terrain and difficulty in eastern Connecticut. Capitol Jeep ride events have raised nearly \$50 thousand for local charities. ♻️



Pictured top left: **Rudy Pizzoferatto (l)**, Coordinator of the Jeep Ride event, and **Scott Lewis**, President/Owner of Capitol Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep in Willimantic, greeted eager riders on May 5.

Pictured bottom left: Jeeps line up to ride.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS



Pat Zikorus, RN, MSN, OCN, has been working with our inpatient nursing staff to ensure that they are competent in the area of chemotherapy administration. Through a review process it was noted that 4 hour education sessions were needed for each bio-chemo certified nurse to attend.

Sue Pritchett and **Sandy Lemoine** worked with their staff and schedules to provide release time for these nurses to attend the sessions. This is important as we move towards our accreditation as a Community Cancer Center with the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer.

Teresa LaFleur, RN, Cardiology, worked to put together the File of Life Program; 1,500

packets were donated and are a great resource for EMS. The program coordinators have distributed red and white magnetic pockets to community members; these pockets contain emergency contact information, medical data and medication history, and can be placed on refrigerators—thus providing critical information to EMS responders in an emergency situation.



Fred Klososki, Plant Operations, has received the Hospital's Reach for the Stars Award for the fourth quarter of 2012. He received a pin, certificate, gift card, and the thanks of fellow employees for his positive attitude, and many years of great service to the hospital.



Windham welcomes **Carrie Ferrindino, RNC-OB**, Manager of Women's Health at Windham Hospital. She supervises the operations of the OB/GYN Unit and coordinates services with the Prenatal Clinic at the Hospital which is operated by Generations Family Health Center.

Ms. Ferrindino is a graduate of Springfield Technical Community College and Westfield State University. She has held positions in Pediatric Triage, OR/PACU, LDRP, L & D and, most recently, as the OB/OR Nursing Coordinator at Hartford Hospital.



Paris Sideris, Windham Hospital IT Department, has successfully completed the requirements for CompTIA Project+ certification. The certificate course covers IT projects, from concept to completion. The exam validates that project managers have the project management skills to help them complete projects on time and within budget.



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