

# AUXILIARY ATRIUM

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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## 53RD ANNUAL MEETING TOPIC:

*'A World-Class Medical Center'*



*Dr. Robert Alpern*

The Auxiliary's 53rd annual meeting will be held at the New Haven Lawn Club on Thursday, October 20, at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Robert Alpern, dean of the Yale School of Medicine, will be the guest speaker. His topic will be "Yale University and Yale-New Haven Hospital Partnering to Create a World-Class Medical Center."

Dr. Alpern, a nephrologist, came to Yale as the 16th dean of the medical school in 2004 after serving as dean of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center since 1999. Nationally, Dr. Alpern has been elected to the American Society of Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians, and now serves on the Advisory Council of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. He was on the Council of the American Society of Nephrology from 1995 to 2002, and served as its president in 2001.

He served his internship and residency in internal medicine at Columbia University. He held a postdoctoral fellowship in nephrology and renal physiology at the Cardiovascular Research Institute at the University of California, San Francisco, where he also was an assistant professor of medicine from 1982-1987. Dr. Alpern received his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University in 1972 and his M.D. from the University of Chicago in 1976.

The annual meeting will also include the election of officers and the Toy Closets Awards.

Please call the Auxiliary office at (203) 688-5717 if you would like to make a reservation for the luncheon.

## Toy Closets playroom is a bright spot for the PICU

Some of Yale-New Haven's sickest pediatric patients and their siblings have had a new place to take a break and enjoy themselves since the Toy Closets Playroom was dedicated in March.

The playroom was funded with \$100,000 from an unprecedented collaboration between the YNH Auxiliary Toy Closets Program and the Toy Closets Golf Outing, years of fundraising activities and thousands of volunteer hours.

Located within the pediatric intensive care unit on the seventh floor, the comfortable and colorful playroom features an air hockey game, a computer, and arts and crafts supplies.

A four-week-old infant named Ethan, who had been flown to YNH by helicopter and spent 10 days in the PICU, stole the show on the day of the dedication. His brother and sister were among the first children to try out the playroom, providing respite for their parents during a difficult time.

"Sometimes our equipment can make scary noises, and some sights and sounds in the PICU can be troubling for children," said Cathy Stevens, R.N., patient service manager for the PICU. "But they had a safe haven from all that was happening in Ethan's room, and we thank all of you who contributed to this special room."

At the ribbon cutting, Ann Nyberg, WTNH news anchor and founder of the Toy Closets program, praised Auxiliary members who "schlepped toys" to get the Toy



*The Toy Closets Playroom ribbon cutting marked a major achievement for the Auxiliary. Joseph A. Zaccagnino, president and CEO of YNH (right), cut the ribbon with the help of (l-r) Ann Nyberg; Marjan Wackers, Auxiliary member and Toy Closets co-chair; Annie Garcia Kaplan, former Toy Closets co-chair; and Debbie Klotzer, chair of the Toy Closets golf outing and executive assistant, Oncology Services Administration.*

Closets started in 1992, and volunteers and employees who make the Toy Closets Golf Outing a success each year. "Without our golfers and outing volunteers, this playroom would not exist," Nyberg said.

## AUXILIARY PUTS STUDENTS ON THE PATH TO NURSING



*Several Auxiliary members attended the Southern Connecticut Black Nurses Association luncheon. Shown in the front row are (l-r): Stephanie Jatlow, Gloria Schoolfield and Paulette Mebane, R.N. Standing are (l-r) scholarship winner Keisha Bines, Karen Anderson, Marcelle Williams, R.N., Tameca Wilson, Marion Russell, Barbara Loucks and scholarship winner Finol Gabriel.*

The YNH Auxiliary put two students on the road to a career in nursing this spring when it presented two \$750 scholarships at the 13th annual luncheon of the Southern Connecticut Black Nurses Association (SCBNA), a chapter of the National Black Nurses Association, Inc.

The recipients were Keisha Bines, a graduate of Hillhouse High School in New Haven, who is studying nursing at Gateway Community College; and Finol Gabriel, a graduate of Branford High School, now a student at Southern Connecticut State University and a student nurse assistant in the YNH Emergency Department.

SCBNA will begin accepting applications for next year's scholarships in January. For more information, contact Paulette Mebane, R.N., president of the Southern Connecticut Black Nurses Association at 688-7861.



*Paulette Mebane, R.N., (center) congratulates scholarship winners Keisha Bines (left), and Finol Gabriel.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Dear Friends,*

Almost two years have passed since I was elected president of the YNHH Auxiliary. Since I am stepping down in October, this will be my last opportunity to officially thank the host of individuals who made my term so successful.

One achievement I was especially proud of this year was our donation of \$100,000 to fund renovations to the playroom on the 7th floor of the Children's Hospital. The money was the result of an unprecedented collaboration between the YNHH Auxiliary Toy Closets Program and the Toy Closets Golf Outing, years of fundraising activities and thousands of volunteer hours.

Another achievement was the donation of two \$750 scholarships to the Southern Connecticut Black Nurses Association to help put two high school students on the road to careers in nursing.

In addition, this year marks 53 years of helping to make YNHH a comforting, friendly environment for its patients, and reaching out to the community with such projects as our Health Education Series, Notes at Noon, the Tree Lighting, the Pediatric Gardens Project, the Golf Outing Event, the Toy Closets and the Atrium Gift Shop.

So many people contributed to the success of the Auxiliary in the last two years it would be impossible to include them all in this limited space. We couldn't have done it without our industrious executive committee, the board members

themselves, and the support of past presidents including Marion Russell, Sharon Shields, Annie Garcia Kaplan, Barbara Loucks, Stephanie Jatlow, and Marjan Wackers. There are many, many more names that I wish I had room to mention.

During the last two years, I also learned that change is inevitable. We've seen a few major ones. It is with regret that we say farewell to Joseph Zaccagnino, who resigned as President and CEO of YNHH this year. We look forward to working with his successor, Marna Borgstrom.

Meanwhile, Tucker Leary, vice president of administration, has replaced T. Brian Condon, as our hospital liaison. Tucker is already proving to be a committed, dependable supporter, and he even manages to keep his sense of humor during our sometimes animated board meetings.

Serving as president of the Auxiliary has been a particularly rewarding experience for me. I've met new people and grown in ways I never anticipated. In fact, I encourage anyone who wants to become more enlightened about Yale-New Haven Hospital to volunteer for a position as chairperson, committee or board member. Besides contributing to the continued success of the Auxiliary and this wonderful hospital, you may find your own hidden talents while enjoying the bonus of new associations and warm friendships.

We are always looking for new people and new ideas. You do not have to be a board member to attend one of our meetings or join a committee. If you want to learn more about us, just give our office a call at (203) 688-5717.

Sincerely,

Gloria D. Schoolfield

## Flowers Brighten the Children's Hospital

Members of the Woodbridge Garden Club visited the Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital in June with flowers and trees donated by local businesses to brighten up the toddler balcony. Auxiliary Ingrid Parri (left) and Pat Cardozo of the Woodbridge Garden Club, arrived with a Hibiscus tree. The plants were donated by the Verab Brothers of Bethany and Costco of Milford.



# YNHH starts a new chapter as leadership moves from ZACCAGNINO to BORGSTROM



**Marna P. Borgstrom**



**Joseph A. Zaccagnino spends time with a family at one of the many holiday tree lightings he has attended.**

**Y**ale-New Haven Hospital will start a new chapter in its history on October 1, when Marna P. Borgstrom takes over as president and chief executive officer of YNHH and the Yale New Haven Health System. She succeeds Joseph A. Zaccagnino, who announced his retirement

this year after 35 years of service.

“Marna has always shown her interest in the Auxiliary and its programs by attending functions and giving us her valuable time to consult and advise,” said Auxiliary President Gloria Schoolfield. “We look forward to this continued relationship as she assumes the position of president and CEO.”

Borgstrom, a 26-year employee of the YNHH, joined the hospital in 1979 as an administrative fellow and has served in a number of roles during her career. She was vice president of Administration from 1985-1992, and senior vice president of Administration from 1992-1993. She has served as the hospital’s executive vice president and chief operating officer since 1993. Borgstrom is the first woman to be named president and CEO of the hospital and the Yale New Haven Health System.

Borgstrom received a master’s of public health degree in hospital administration from the Yale University School of Medicine and a bachelor’s degree in human biology from Stanford University. She and her husband, Eric, have two sons.

Zaccagnino, who has attended nearly every Auxiliary holiday tree lighting and spoke at the annual meeting in 1999, joined Yale-New Haven in 1970 following his graduation from the Yale University School of Medicine with a master’s of Public Health. He was appointed executive vice president and chief operating officer in 1978 at the age of 32. In 1991, he went on to become president and CEO of both the hospital and the Yale New Haven Health System.

During his tenure, Zaccagnino led the development of such critical initiatives as the formation of the Yale New Haven Health System in 1995 with responsibility for YNHH, Yale-New Haven Children’s Hospital, Yale-New Haven Psychiatric Hospital, Bridgeport Hospital and Greenwich Hospital, as well as an affiliation with Westerly Hospital in Rhode Island.

“As someone who has dedicated more than 35 years of my life to YNHH, it is my professional home and part of my extended family,” Zaccagnino said. “This change for me will be both profound and exhilarating. I am very grateful for the opportunity to have served this great hospital and health system.”



## Notes at Noon celebrates two decades, musically



**In its 20 years, Notes at Noon has helped audiences start their weekends on an up note. Shown at the first performance of the 20th season are (l-r): Betty Fearon; Marna Borgstrom, executive vice president and COO, who welcomed the audience; and Katherine Patrick, Auxiliary board member and chair, Notes at Noon. ▼**

“It doesn’t seem that long ago,” said Betty Fearon, long-time Yale-New Haven Hospital Auxiliary board member, of the 20th anniversary of Notes at Noon. Fearon was president of the Auxiliary when its members initiated free Friday lunchtime concerts to kick-off the weekend and involve people from the neighborhood, visitors and employees.

“We had \$1,000 to find groups for the whole summer,” recalled Fearon, who said that the concerts were originally called the TGIF Courtyard Cabaret. The popular Dickie Myers’ Jazz Quartet opened the 1985 series and many subsequent years. Twenty years later, on June 3, 2005, The Greater New Haven Community Chorus worked its harmonic magic on the crowd in Hunter Courtyard the way Dickie Myers and his group had on a sunny Friday 20 years ago.

“It is a source of pride for the Auxiliary that we have been able to launch and support long-term events like Notes at Noon and the holiday tree lighting that have become part of the hospital’s very fabric,” said Fearon. “It is a testament to the work of Auxiliary members and support from hospital administration and employees.”



**▲ Notes at Noon kicked off 20 years ago with free lunchtime concerts to entertain people from the neighborhood, visitors and employees.**

# Tucker Leary is the new Auxiliary liaison

**T**ucker Leary, vice president for clinical administration at Yale-New Haven Hospital, has taken on an important new role: administrative liaison to the Auxiliary.

He replaces Brian Condon, who retired last year after 34 years of distinguished service. Leary will help the Auxiliary facilitate hospital matters, support its activities and provide business expertise for the Atrium gift shop and other Auxiliary endeavors.

“The Auxiliary is one of our most effective community groups,” said Leary, an ex-officio member of the Auxiliary board who gave a Health Care Talk last year on Medicare legislation. “The members are leaders of the community and enthusiastic supporters of the hospital. They contribute a great deal.”

Yale-New Haven Hospital hired Leary as administrative director of managed care in 1992. He later became vice president for managed care for the Yale New Haven Health System. In 1999, Leary returned to the hospital as a vice president for physician development, and last year became vice president for administration, increasing his clinical responsibilities with the trauma service, organ transplantation, pathology and Yale laboratory services.

Prior to coming to YNHH, Leary worked for the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics, John Hancock Insurance,

Voluntary Hospitals of America, and as a Healthcare Ventures Associates consultant, setting up managed care programs from Maine to Hawaii. Leary earned his bachelor's degree in economics from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., and his MBA from Boston University. He serves on the executive board of the National Kidney Foundation in Connecticut and the board of the New England Organ Bank.

He lives in Noank with his wife, Catherine, and in his free time enjoys bicycling and traveling. The couple has two grown children, Daniel and Mary Gray.



*Tucker Leary*



*Cindy Bautista shows off the contents of the art suitcase that is providing an important outlet for patients in the Neuroscience Unit.*

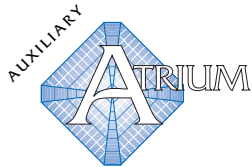
## ART CART PROVIDES ‘brain aerobics’

**T**hanks to the Auxiliary, patients in the Neuroscience Unit treated for strokes, Parkinson's and other neurological diseases that impact the brain are getting some mental exercise – nurses call it “brain aerobics.”

● Cindy Bautista, R.N., and Diane Sagnella, patient representative, used a \$700 donation from the Auxiliary to purchase an

“art suitcase” and trained several volunteers to use it with patients. Inside the suitcase are crayons, markers, paints, paper and even Play Doh. For patients who don't want to make art, there are cards and games like checkers and Yahtzee.

“Art and games are ways for patients to strengthen their brains,” said Bautista. “The average stay here is five days, so it is also a way to give them something enjoyable to do and relieve the boredom.”



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*Revelers enjoy a previous YNHH Gala at the Oakdale – now Chevrolet – Theatre in Wallingford.*

## 2005 YNHH GALA SET FOR OCTOBER 29TH

The annual Yale-New Haven Hospital Gala, Oct. 29 at the Oakdale Theater in Wallingford, is one of Greater New Haven's most celebrated events.

"The efforts of countless volunteers and philanthropists from the community who come together to help YNHH continue its proud tradition as a national leader in advancing medical care create a memorable and celebratory evening," said John and Judy Lahey, co-chairs for the second year in a row.

Proceeds from the Saturday night event will benefit cardiology and cardiac surgery. For more information, contact Catherine Morley in the YNHH Development office at (203) 688-8728.

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SAVE THE DATE

**Wed. Sept. 28:** ♦ YNHH Blood Drive, East Pavilion Cafeteria. Call 688-7436.

**Thurs. Oct. 20:** ♦ Auxiliary Annual Meeting, Robert Alpern, M.D., dean of the Yale School of Medicine. Topic: "Yale University and Yale-New Haven Hospital Partnering to Create a World Class Medical Center." New Haven Lawn Club, 11:30 a.m. Call for reservations, (203) 688-5717.

**Sat. Oct. 29:** ♦ 2005 YNHH Gala, Chevrolet Theatre (formerly the Oakdale), Wallingford. Call Catherine Morley for information or reservations, 688-8728.

**Thurs. Nov. 3:** ♦ Health Education Lecture: GERALYN SPOLLETT, adult nurse practitioner, Yale Diabetes Center. Topic: "What's New in Diabetes Care?" East Pavilion Café. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call to register, 688-2000.

**Wed. Nov. 9:** ♦ Board of Managers meeting. CH 201, noon-2 p.m.

*Lunch is provided for all Auxiliary Board meetings. Members of the Auxiliary and guests are also welcome to attend by calling 688-5717.*



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