

# AUXILIARY ATRIUM

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

## Annual Meeting & Toy Closets Awards



*Curtis Kuck and Joe Beck of the Turner Construction Company accepted a 2003 Toy Closets Award from Ann Nyberg.*

**O**n Wednesday, October 1, Auxiliaries and their friends attended the Auxiliary's Annual Meeting at the New Haven Lawn Club. A short business meeting was followed by guest speaker, Dr. Richard L. Edelson, chief and chair of the Department of Dermatology at Yale-New Haven Hospital since 1986. Dr. Edelson spoke on "Outsmarting Cancer Cells by Learning the Language They Speak."

A highlight of the program was the presentation of the 2003 Toy Closets Awards by Ann Nyberg of Channel 8, to four recipients: Philip Starck, the Turner Construction Company, Inc., the Toy Closets Golf Outing Committee, and the U.S. District Court in New Haven.

Also at the Annual Meeting, the Auxiliary membership voted to elect a new slate of officers and board members. The Auxiliary Annual Meeting was traditionally held in May, but it was decided to move it to October to coincide with the hospital fiscal year.

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*Standing before the beautiful breast center quilt, created by the Yale Medical Group's "Art Place Quilters at Yale," are Auxiliary members (l-r): Barbara Loucks, Gloria Schoolfield, Marion Russell, Debbie Klotzer, Ingrid Parri, Kathrine Neville, Sylvia Greene, Annie Kaplan, Ellie Jones, Art Lemay, Lynne Bradstreet and Brian Condon. The quilt provided the visual theme for the new Breast Center patient education materials.*



## Auxiliary donates \$250,000 for new Breast Center

**I**n celebration of its 50th anniversary, the Yale-New Haven Hospital Auxiliary made a donation of \$250,000 to the new Yale-New Haven Breast Center. The gift was presented by Auxiliary President Gloria Schoolfield at the dedication of the new Center on November 19, 2003. Donald R. Lannin, M.D., co-director of the Yale-New Haven Breast Center with Carol Lee, M.D., chief of breast imaging, reports that the money has been used for the expansion of the Center and for new equipment, including a new digital mammography unit.

The Yale-New Haven Breast Center was designed with a focus on the patient's comfort and privacy. It is located in a separate area of the Yale Physicians Building at 800 Howard Avenue. The examination rooms, section of breast imaging, and adjoining suite all offer state-of-the-art technology.

"The new Breast Center represents a huge improvement in the quality of care we can offer our patients," Dr. Lannin said. "We expect that our patients will greatly appreciate both the enhanced care coordination and personal service that we are able to offer."

The Yale-New Haven Breast Center offers a full range of care to women seeking information about breast health, with physicians and staff trained to provide every patient with extraordinary clinical care. The Center offers convenient appointments, rapid diagnosis and treatment, and access to the most up-to-date technology in a supportive environment. A multidisciplinary team includes breast radiologists, surgeons, medical and radiation oncologists, pathologists, nurses, mammography technicians and medical and clinical assistants.

Acknowledging that the majority of patients seen in a breast center do not have cancer, Drs. Lannin and Lee are hoping to diminish unnecessary anxiety by decreasing waiting time for test results with extensive coordination between the surgery and radiology departments. "There are many fears and worries associated with breast cancer, we are hoping to educate our patients and alleviate their worries," Dr. Lannin explained.

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## Dora Ferrara assists Auxiliary



Dora Ferrara, the new Auxiliary assistant, is seen in the new toy closets storage room with Scooby-Doo and Kermit.

Dora Ferrara has been hired as the Auxiliary's newly appointed part-time administrative assistant, replacing Janice Ronkowitz who moved to Florida last year. She performs a wide range of financial, administrative and secretarial duties and coordinates a multitude of office procedures to ensure operational effectiveness of the Hospital Auxiliary. She also assists in coordinating all the activities sponsored by the Auxiliary: health education lectures, Notes at Noon Summer Concert Series, holiday tree-lighting and collecting and distributing toys and games for the Toy Teas/Toy Closets programs.

"Dora is congenial, efficient, willing and anxious to do things and a lovely lady," said Gloria Schoolfield, Auxiliary President. "She helped facilitate the move and adds a great deal to the Auxiliary. We have another winner in our administrative assistant."

A West Haven resident, Dora is married to William, has two children, William, 28, and Maria, 31, and two 3-year-old grandchildren. Her hobbies include different crafts, floral designs, shopping, music, country western dancing, concerts, spending time with her family and babysitting her grandchildren.

In addition to a new administrative assistant, the Auxiliary office has moved to a new location on the first floor of the Children's Hospital (West Pavilion), next to the pediatric admitting waiting room. At the same time, the Auxiliary's toy closets storage room has moved to the Clinic Building basement, providing a central receiving area and greater storage area.

## Health Education Lectures focus on vision, fibromyalgia

In October, ophthalmologists Drs. Bruce Shields, Ron Adelman and David Parke



were panelists for "The Eyes Have It," diseases of the eye – with special focus on macular degeneration. In November, Dr. Janine Evans spoke

about fibromyalgia [i.e. it hurts all over]. Dr. Evans graciously answered questions for the large audience. Dr. Parke (who happens to be Marna Borgstrom's father) spoke with Gloria Schoolfield after the talk.

## Another year, another tree-lighting

President and CEO Joseph A. Zaccagnino, at the Auxiliary's annual tree lighting event,



holds Kaylie Jones hand as she uses her magic wand to turn on the lights on York Street trees.

## Auxiliary members enjoy Hospital Gala

Several members of the Auxiliary enjoyed the hospital's 2003 gala celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital last fall.



(l-r) Auxilians Denise Walker and her mother Ann Walker, with Bill Gombeski, administrative director of Marketing and Communications at the hospital; and Katie Krauss, Auxiliary member and associate director of marketing.

Revelers dance beneath 1,000 cranes, the theme of the Gala.



Judy Lahey and her husband John, President of Quinnipiac University, chat with friends at the Gala.

# Schoolfield appointed new Auxiliary president

North Haven resident Gloria Schoolfield was elected as the 24th president of the Yale-New Haven Hospital Auxiliary on October 1, 2003. Prior to retiring from Yale University, Gloria was a research associate in genetics lab. She currently works part-time as purchasing agent and trouble-shooter in the Kidd genetics lab. Gloria is a past-president of the Yale University Women's Organization and serves on its board.

Gloria earned a bachelor's degree in embryology from Albertus Magnus. She is married to George Schoolfield, professor emeritus in Scandinavian and German literature at Yale. The Schoolfields, who reside in North Haven, have two daughters, Susan and Marghie, four grandchildren plus a dog named Tessa.

Gloria enjoys pottery, opera and traveling. As president of the Auxiliary, her goal is to continue to support the hospital and bring the community closer through health lectures and outreach programs. "I love being with people," said Gloria. "The Auxiliary has given me the opportunity to give back, and I consider myself fortunate."

The Yale-New Haven Hospital Auxiliary consists of men and women who volunteer to help raise funds for the hospital and increase awareness regarding important health issues. If you are interested in joining the Auxiliary or receiving information about the organization, please contact the Auxiliary office at (203) 688-5717 or e-mail [auxil@ynhh.org](mailto:auxil@ynhh.org)



Gloria Schoolfield

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Let me begin this, my first letter, by thanking you for giving me the opportunity and privilege of serving as your president. I look forward to meeting each of you at some of our many activities during the year.*

Since our last annual meeting, the first one to be held in the autumn, we have had many successful and profitable events. The 10th Annual Toy Closets Golf Outing, held at Lyman Orchards, was once again a great success in fundraising, while providing fun and laughs for all of the golfers and the volunteers. Our members again participated in the annual Children's Hospital Halloween parade. The 17th Auxiliary Hospital tree lighting was the coldest day in December, made warmer by the enthusiasm of the young girl who turned the switch, and by the YNHH Mutual Respect Choir.

In the fall, we hosted two informative, well-attended health education presentations for the public on eye diseases and fibromyalgia. We continue to attempt to meet the needs of the New Haven area and to bring new findings about diseases to light through these lectures.

The New Breast Center, to which, as you recall, we donated \$250,000, invited our board to be guests at their formal opening, a very elegant tea, and to participate in their ribbon-cutting ceremony in November. We can be extremely proud of our large donation to this amazing new facility.

In the midst of holiday preparations, our Auxiliary office moved to its new quarters in the main entry area of Children's Hospital. We had been anticipating the completion of the new space since late July, and December 17 was not the day we would have chosen. Janice Ronkowitz, our former administrative assistant, moved to Florida with her family in August, so it fell to Dora Ferrara, our new administrative assistant, to organize and facilitate the move. We have a wonderfully cheerful and efficient office as a result. Our thanks to Dora and to all of you who helped in so many ways.

The holiday Toy Closets Drive provided an abundance of toys and donations from people in all walks of life, from individuals to local organizations: fire departments, scout troops

and school classrooms. Our thanks go to all the volunteers for their tireless efforts. I do not want to forget anyone, but I am particularly grateful to Lynne Bradstreet, Dora Ferrara, Annie Garcia Kaplan, Sylvia Greene, Ingrid Parri, Diane Petra and Marjan Wackers. Even Dora's husband and Marjan's son lent a hand for a full day! Because of the Golf Outing and the Toy Closets fundraising, we are able to donate \$100,000 to the new high tech playroom in Children's Hospital. We have accomplished a great deal and can do much more with your help.

The Atrium Gift Shop is doing well under Lori's management. Stop by and see the many new things which arrive daily. Income from the gift shop provides us with funds for the plethora of hospital projects we continue to support. After the cold weather and heavy snows of winter, we can anticipate two new lectures to enjoy, one in March and the other in April. And, after April, can summer be far behind when we can once more enjoy Friday noon outdoor concerts at the hospital through our own "Notes at Noon?"

Bringing help and joy to others is always exhilarating, as our Auxiliary members have discovered. If you have not yet joined the Auxiliary or renewed your membership, please consider doing it now. Our newsletter helps Auxilians stay abreast of recent activities and alerts them to those in the near future. We want you to share the fun, while staying informed. Keep in mind that you do not have to be a board member to join a committee and experience all of the friendship-producing activity! Any Auxilian is very welcome to give the office, or one of us a call in order to participate. We welcome you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Gloria D. Schoolfield".

Gloria D. Schoolfield



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### Board of Managers

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Louise DiRuccio  
Elizabeth Fearon  
Carolyn Gould  
Stephanie Jatlow  
Debbie Klotzer  
Arlette Miller  
Ann Nyberg  
Wendy O'Brien  
Ingrid Parri  
Katherine Patrick  
Gay Steinbach  
Beverly Weinberg  
Lundo Wu



*Auxilian Gay Steinbach, visits with keynote speaker Dr. Richard Edelson, during the social hour before the 51st annual meeting of the Auxiliary.*

### 2003-2004 AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**President** - Gloria Schoolfield  
**First Vice President** - Kathrine Neville  
**Second Vice President** - Marion Russell  
**Recording Secretary** - Ann Pfisterer  
**Corresponding Secretary** - Barbara Loucks  
**Treasurer** - Eleanor F. Jones  
**Gift Shop Co-Chairs** - Lynne Bradstreet, Sylvia Greene  
**Toy Closets Co-Chairs** - Marjan Wackers, Annie Garcia Kaplan  
**Projects Chair (ex officio)** - Leatrice Malloy  
**Administrative Liaison (ex officio)** - Brian Condon, Arthur Lemay

## TOY CLOSETS GOLF OUTING GROUP CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

This year, the Toy Closets Golf Outing and the Auxiliary's Toy Closets Program are proud to announce that they are joining forces to present \$100,000 for a new playroom in the Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital. This playroom will be located in the new high-tech cluster area on the 7th floor of the Children's Hospital, which includes a new pediatric oncology area, pediatric intensive care unit, a step-down unit and pediatric respiratory unit. They hope to open the playroom later this spring.

"Both entities are very proud to be able to provide such a facility that will be used by all the patients housed in these units, where patients here range in age from babies to 18-year-olds," said Annie Garcia Kaplan, co-director of the Toy Closets program, who added that the Auxiliary Toy Closets will (of course!) be providing the toys for the new playroom. "We thank everyone who has participated during the past 10 years and look forward to your continued generosity for many more decades to come," said Annie.

Ann Nyberg presented the Toy Closets Committee with one of her annual Toy Closets Awards at the 2003 Auxiliary Annual Meeting. Kudos to the generosity of its participants, the committee, its sponsors and volunteers: Andy Laudano, Mike Matthews, Tony Raccio, Charlie Torre, Jr., Jim Kovach, Keith Goodson, Wendy O'Brien, Tom Roche, Ellie Jones, Janice Ronkowitz, Marjan Wackers, Marion Russell, Annie Garcia Kaplan and Debbie Klotzer, chair for 2004, who have been an integral part of this event that has raised more than \$100,000 for the Toy Closets during a decade.

The next Toy Closets Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, September 3, 2004 at Lyman Orchards. We invite you to join us in this tradition that has enabled the Toy Closets to provide a toy to every pediatric patient upon discharge from Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital. In addition to providing funding for all the toys needed, other worthwhile projects have been funded throughout the years that have benefited our pediatric patients.



*While the Toy Closets program collects toys and monetary donations all year long, the holiday season is the busiest time of year. Here, Annie Garcia Kaplan helps the Hamden Fire Department carry toys to the Toy Closets storage. The HFD collected 2,200 toys for Toy Closets this year; in fact, they donated so many toys that it took over two hours to count them!*

SAVE THE DATE

**All Auxiliary Board meetings begin at 12 noon and lunch is provided. Members of the Auxiliary and guests are also welcome to attend by calling 688-5717.**

**Wed. Feb. 18:** ♦ YNHH Blood Drive,  
GB Lounge; walk-in donors welcome

**Wed. Mar. 10:** ♦ Board of Managers meeting, CH-201

**Thu. Mar. 18:** ♦ Health Education lecture;  
Tucker Leary to discuss Medicare, GB Lounge, noon

**Wed. Apr. 14:** ♦ Board of Managers meeting,  
Breast Cancer Center, Yale Physicians Building

**Thu. Apr. 15:** ♦ Health Education lecture;  
Sally Shaywitz to discuss Dyslexia, GB Lounge, noon

**Wed. May. 12:** ♦ Board of Managers meeting, CH-201

**Wed. Jun. 16:** ♦ YNHH Blood Drive,  
GB Lounge; walk-in donors welcome

**Wed. Jun. 9:** ♦ Board of Managers meeting, CH-201



## **GERALDINE (Geri) COLAVOLPE**

Geraldine (Geri) Colavolpe joined the Yale-New Haven Hospital Board of Managers in October, 2003. An administrative services professional, Geri has gained recognition for her skills in sales, marketing and strategic planning since joining the United States Surgical

Company in North Haven in 1999. Previously, she served as an administrative office manager for Industrial Resources in Old Saybrook, and as manager of Christopher's Salon in Guilford.

Among her many activities, she has served as Vice President for the East Haven Jaycees Auxiliary and as a CCD Instructor for St. Mary's School in Branford.

A resident of Branford, Geri is married to Anthony Colavolpe, Senior Vice President of Real Estate for the Stop & Shop Supermarket Company. They have two daughters, Andrea and Gina. Geri is an excellent cook and shares this interest with her daughter Gina, an accomplished chef who is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. She also enjoys reading, knitting, traveling and exercising. Geri spends much of her free time taking loving care of her grandson Anthony John (AJ), who will be one year old in April, while his mom, Andrea, works as a teacher at East Haven Middle School. Geri and Tony will be grandparents again, soon, as Andrea and her husband John have announced that they're expecting this summer!

The Colavolpes are also parents to a 17-year-old half-Siamese and half-Burmese cat named Friskers.

## **EILEEN COPPOLA**

A long-time volunteer at Yale-New Haven Hospital, Eileen Coppola rejoined the Auxiliary's Board of Managers in October, 2003. Previously, she was a member of the YNH Auxiliary's Executive Board from 1998 to 2000. At that time, she held the position of corresponding secretary and worked on the fashion show committee.

At Yale-New Haven Hospital, she has served as a volunteer in the cancer patient resource area and held the position of volunteer coordinator for five years. The Coppola family's ties to the Hospital also run deep. Eileen's husband, Dr. Paul Coppola, is a member of Yale-New Haven Hospital's gynecology staff, while son Christopher is a graduate of the surgical residency program. Another son, Adam, was a volunteer at the hospital for four summers, while in high school.

Eileen serves as an alumni interviewer for her alma mater, George Washington University; on the board of managers for A Better Chance - Madison, for which she also edits the newsletter; and as a member of the newly forming health ministry at St. Margaret's Church in Madison.

Formerly a private tutor at Daniel Hand High School in Madison, Eileen has also been a community counselor for Au Pair in America and worked as a patient educator for her husband's ob/gyn practice.

A childbirth educator, Eileen holds an A.A. degree from Immaculata College of Washington; a B.A. from George Washington University; and an M.A.L.S. from Wesleyan University.

Thirty-year residents of Madison, Eileen and her husband have five adult children, two of whom are on active duty with the United States Air Force, while another works as a risk management consultant in Ecuador and others are involved with college and graduate school studies.



## **MICHELLA (Mickey) DELUCIA**



A member of the Yale-New Haven Auxiliary Board of Managers since October, 2003, Michella (Mickey) DeLucia is involved in community service, with a special focus on breast cancer awareness. Mickey holds the particular distinction of having raised \$10,000 for cancer research in the year 2000, when she took part in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk-A-Thon. In honor of her mother, who died from breast cancer at the age of 48, Mickey walked from Kenosha, Wisconsin to Chicago, Illinois – a total of 60 miles.

She repeated her feat again, a year later, in the same event from Fitchburg, Massachusetts, to Boston, another 60 miles and another \$10,000! Waiting for her at the finish line was her very proud family.

In addition to being an administrative assistant with Coldwell Banker Coast and Country in Guilford, Mrs. DeLucia is a bookkeeper for her husband's dental practice in New Haven. She is active in St. Margaret's Church in Madison where she serves on the Parish Council, is program chairperson of the Women's Ministry and holds the position of Eucharistic Minister. In addition, for three years, Mickey coordinated the American Red Cross-sponsored blood drive for high school seniors at Daniel Hand High School in Madison.

A 25-year resident of Madison, Mickey is married to Dr. Arthur DeLucia and has two children, Jennifer and David. In her "free time," she enjoys baking wedding cakes for family and friends, gourmet cooking classes, yoga, skiing and spending time with her family including visiting her son in Arizona and her daughter in New York City. Mickey and Art are also "owned" by a 12-year-old cat, named Abby.

## **ARLETTE MILLER**

Active in community service in the greater New Haven area, Arlette Miller was named to the Yale-New Haven Hospital Auxiliary's Board of Managers in October, 2003.

A former member of the Board of the Neighborhood Music School, Arlette now serves on that organization's development committee. She is also on the committee for "Books Sandwiched In" at the New Haven Free Public Library and formerly chaired that program for nine years.

Presently a licensed realtor with Press-Cuozzo, Inc., Arlette was chairperson of the "Positively New Haven" committee of the Greater New Haven Real Estate Board, for five years. A potter whose studio was formerly located at Bittersweet Farm in Branford, she also was an occupational therapist at the Yale Psychiatric Institute for 11 years, teaching pottery and other recreational activities.

Married to Dr. George Miller, the John F. Enders Professor of Pediatrics and Infectious Diseases at the Yale Medical School, Arlette holds a B.A. degree from Brandeis University and an O.T.R. from Columbia University. She also studied at the Boston Museum School of Pottery and enjoys music, reading, travel, tennis and ballroom dancing. Residents of New Haven for the past 34 years, the Millers have three children and three grandchildren.





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# We're going on the World Wide Web!

The Auxiliary membership decided it would like a presence on the hospital web, and formed a committee to pursue the idea. Committee members include Louise DiRuccio, Sylvia Greene, Ingrid Parri, Gloria Schoolfield and Marjan Wackers. The group is working with Jan Taylor, YNHH manager of Internet services, and Steve Dobrowski, a marketing consultant who works on YNHH web projects. Some of the components of the Auxiliary's page will include: the Auxiliary's mission and its history; a section on membership (how to join the Auxiliary); the Toy Closets program; information about the health education committee; the Atrium Gift Shop; and a list of hospital programs the Auxiliary is involved in or has supported. The Auxiliary pages should be up later this spring at [www.ynhh.org](http://www.ynhh.org). As soon as we know the precise web address, we will let you know.



**Evergreen Woods residents visit tour YNHH**  
*In December, 2003, right before the holidays, members of the Evergreen Woods retirement community visited one of their own members at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Charlie McClure, a resident at Evergreen Woods for the past three years and a long-time volunteer and Auxiliary member, welcomed nearly 20 friends and guests for a tour at YNHH. The group met with Dr. Leo M. Cooney, director of the Adler Geriatric Center, visited patient floors and toured the hospital.*

**Halloween at the Hospital**  
*The Auxiliary always turns out with enthusiasm to support the pediatric Halloween parade. No, they do not have on masks – they brought their real faces. (l-r): Annie Kaplan, Gloria Schoolfield, Kathrine Neville, Sylvia Greene, Lynne Bradstreet and Debbie Klotzer.*



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