



2015 Veteran's Day

First-ever NYOH - Clifton Park Cancer Center Salute to Veterans. The staff enthusiastically embraced this event and it is amazing to see how each department has decorated all of the public areas. Staff wore red/white/blue and proudly wearing buttons to salute veterans. Arriving Veterans were given an American flag and a button to wear that which features an American flag and the words "Proud Veteran". **Dawn Vyvial** a phlebotomist with NYOH for the past 9 years and is an amazingly talented and caring member of our staff team. She served in the USAir Force from 1992 – 2001. The CPCC staff



Pictured with Dr DeJesus: Mr. Ed Gunderson, both vets

led by **Meg Meakin** honored Dawn with a thank you salute to her in the front lobby, which features photos and recognitions of her time in the Air Force.

Dr Arsyil DeJesus along with the NYOH Amsterdam staff honored our Veteran patients with treats, a certificate of appreciation, special pin and heartfelt thanks.

Staff Participate in the Community



Katina Chiera of NYOH – Patroon Creek went above and beyond to help the family of one of her patients. Katina wrote to an organization offering help to people around the holidays about a patient who recently lost her battle with cancer. The organization provided a \$500 gift card for Toys R Us, which was delivered to the family by **Hong Chen** a fellow nurse at NYOH. Thank you Katina for going the extra step to care for our patients and families.



Albany Medical Center Site



Hudson - **John Houghtaling**, patient of Dr DeMarco.

Many of the staff participate in a variety of charitable activities throughout the year, but especially around the holidays. Several sites made up Thanksgiving baskets for patients, Amsterdam participated in the Festival of Trees. Toys were gathered and distributed to a variety of families at each of our sites through the efforts of **Patty Ramnes** and family and many other NYOH employees.

2016 Retirements from Rexford site



• **Hilary Buono**, retires after 28 years. Left to right: Dr. Howard Schlossberg, Nancy Carpico, Linda Byers, Betty Burgess, Helen Kennedy and Hilary Buono



• **Ann Marie Kenyon, LPN** retires after 24 years. Left to right: Jen Ogden, Lindsey Mccrady, AnneMarie Kenyon, Betty Burgess, Nancy Carpico



Easter 2016

Several NYOH offices were visited by a pink stretch limo transporting Lisa Morahan of Floyd Warriors and her team to deliver hundreds of Easter baskets to the children of cancer patients.

Recognizing NYOH Staff

- Three nurses (**Julie Douglas, Stephanie Hathaway** and **Amanda Hershey**) from NYOH-Amsterdam were recognized by Mountain Valley Hospice and honored along with 7 others from the community with the Gregory R Hoye Award at a ceremony in November. We too would like to recognize them for their contribution to our organization. Well done ladies!!!



- **Dr Gina Resta** was recognized at the Capital City Rescue Mission Annual Banquet and received one of the 2015 Volunteer Appreciation Awards for her work in the Free clinic. Thank you Dr Resta for all you do at the Mission and for providing a great example for others through your volunteering.
- **Nancy Egerton** presented a case study on the NYOH - IOD process in providing financial assistance to patients for their oral chemo drugs at a cost-sharing roundtable discussion at the PAN (Patient Access Network) in Washington, DC on February 26th. This study will also be published in The American Journal of Managed Care (AJMC) - Congratulations Nancy, great job.
- Congratulations to **Ashley Benincasa** (CPCC) who graduated with an MBA in Healthcare Administration from Union Graduate College in 2015. She attended classes full-time for two years, while working full-time as Chief Radiation Therapist at ACC, and even managed to find the time to train for and run a marathon.
- Congratulations to **Heather Broekema** (lead radiation therapist at ACC) on her recent engagement.

2015 Longevity Awards

At the NYOH Holiday party – Longevity Awards were delivered.



Left to right:

Yrs	Name	Location
15	Chris Kennedy	CBO
15	Susan Rhodes	CBO
25	Maureen Baxter	CPCC
15	Cathy Ferrand	CPCC
10	Sandra Gibson	CPCC
10	Caroline Sauer	CPCC

Dr. Nini Wu



In January 2016, staff and patients said goodbye to **Dr. Nini Wu**, president of NYOH. Dr. Wu joined the practice in 1998. Dr. Wu is leaving to become Physician Advisor with McKesson Specialty Health.

Dr. Wu said she's, "proud of the growth of the practice and the continued commitment to quality from the entire NYOH team. I was always happy to hear from patients, who mention how much they appreciate the smiles and positive attitudes of the NYOH staff."

She added "I know I'm leaving the practice in good hands, and that the NYOH team will continue to work together to provide the best care for our patients."

Patient Gives Back



Patient of **Dr Weissman, Susie Mae** along with her granddaughter **Shanna Graham** wanted to give back to other patients at NYOH. Working with **Kelly Ann Comley** from Mary Kay cosmetics they made gift packs to be distributed to new patients starting chemotherapy. Pictured – *Kelly Ann Comley, Dr Charles Weissman, Shanna Graham*

Thirty-One



Jen Lockwood a "Thirty-One" consultant delivered bags for NYOH patients. Each bag is sponsored by an individual or group and the commission Jen receives for these bags goes into filling them with comfort items. Jen is doing this in honor of the many NYOH patients she knows. There are many 31 consultants participating in this initiative across the country. We are pleased she chose us. Pictured – *Kristen Williams, Rexford*



Linda Mendetta, owner, Renditions Salon, in Gloversville is also a "Thirty-One" sales consultant. With the help of many friends and customers, she recently delivered more than 100 Thirty-One tote bags, filled items for NYOH patients going through cancer treatment. Each bag includes a personal note, including the sponsor's name and if the bag was donated in honor or memory of someone. This is the second year Mendetta has done the donation and says she plans to keep growing the sale because so many people who sponsor a bag know someone or have themselves been through cancer treatment at NYOH. Pictured left to right: *Karen Diamond, Dr. M Siddique Tai, Sheila Degnan, Linda Mendetta, Dr. Arsyil De Jesus, Stephanie Hathaway, Marlene Gardner*



Halloween 2015

