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

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.

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**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. Arsyl De Jesus, Stephanie Hathaway, Marlene Gardner

**Halloween 2015**