

Associate Trustees Remodel 14B Day Room

Each year, the Associate Trustees at St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals raise money through the hospitals' Gala and Theatre Benefit to support various hospital projects with small grants. Recently, the group used a portion of their funds to remodel the patient lounge on Roosevelt's 14B unit.

"The remodeling of the patient salon on 14B is just one more example of the commitment of the Associate Trustees to the hospital's environment and the patient experience," said David Masini, Vice President of Administration. "We are extremely appreciative of the support we have received from the Associate Trustees throughout the years."

The remodeling included new furniture, a new computer with Internet access, and a flat screen TV, as well as a fresh coat of paint and new window treatments.



Terri Benvenisty, Frank J. Cracolici, and Leila Attiyeh

"It's a great room for friends and family members of patients to relax in," said Leila Attiyeh, co-chair of the Associate Trustees. "If they want to watch TV, check e-mail, or go on the Internet, they can. The purpose of the room is to make their stay a bit easier."

Roosevelt's 14B is a special wing of private rooms and suites that offers deluxe amenities. The Associate Trustees hold their meetings on the 14th floor. When members noticed that the lounge needed updating, they decided to direct funds to that room as part of their small grants program.

"The room gets a lot of use and hadn't been redone for many years," said Terri Benvenisty, co-chair of the Associate Trustees. "I had a family member who was a patient on 14B, and I realized that there needed to be a comfortable and inviting space where a patient's family members could escape and regroup."

After the Associate Trustees' Small Grants Committee approved the grant, Mrs. Attiyeh and Mrs. Benvenisty worked with the hospital's design firm to remodel the lounge and today the room is being used and enjoyed by patients and the people who visit there.

Roosevelt Hospital ED Ribbon Cutting

More than 80 people gathered in the Roosevelt Hospital lobby on October 22, 2009, for a special ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the redesign of the hospital's Emergency Department. Stanley Brezenoff, President and CEO of Continuum Health Partners, Joan Sarnoff, Chair of the Board of Overseers at St. Luke's and Roosevelt, and Frank J. Cracolici, President of St. Luke's and Roosevelt, all spoke at the event and paid tribute to the grateful patients, corporations, employees, and government officials who helped fund this vital project.



Dan Weiner, MD, Chairman, Department of Emergency Medicine, performs the ceremonial ribbon cutting

Hyman-Newman INN Reception

On September 17, 2009, more than 80 people attended a special reception celebrating the advancements of the Hyman-Newman Institute for Neurology and Neurosurgery (INN). As guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, the INN's director Alejandro Berenstein, MD, gave an update on past, current and future activities at the INN and thanked the generous donors who make the INN's extraordinary work possible.

Dr. Berenstein also introduced Donna Eckstein, who gave a brief testimonial about her experiences during her son Jake's treatment at the INN. Following Dr. Berenstein's remarks, Jerry Fishman, Executive Vice President of the Needlers Foundation, presented a check in the amount of \$100,000 in support of the Vascular Birthmark Institute of New York at Roosevelt Hospital, which Dr. Berenstein co-directs with Milton Waner, MD. Following the reception, additional generous gifts to the INN were received from Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Camali, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew M. Carnahan, Mr. Paul Emposimato, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Don F. Gaston, Gerson & Gerson, Inc., Mr. Gokal Gurnani, Ms. Linda Haddad, Richard Hodosh, MD, Ms. Linda S. Martinson, Mr. Paul McMillan, Ms. Eileen M. More, Picket Family Foundation, and Mrs. Betty Yarmon.

PHOTOS

- 1 Alejandro Berenstein, MD, and Betty Yarmon
- 2 Donna Eckstein and Jake Eckstein; Jerry Fishman; Dr. Jonathan Eckstein and Matt Eckstein; and Alejandro Berenstein, MD
- 3 Morton P. Hyman, Alejandro Berenstein, MD, and Frank J. Cracolici



Interfaith Service and Reception

On December 10, 2009, St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals President Frank J. Cracolici and the Board of Overseers hosted the annual interfaith holiday service and reception. More than 70 people gathered for the service and reception at the historic Muhlenberg Chapel on the St. Luke's campus.

This year's service featured the rededication of *The Three Marys*, a painting by Daniel Huntington. Only recently restored, the painting was given to St. Luke's by the artist in 1858, which also was the first year that patients were admitted to the hospital. The painting had been in the archives for many years. It now hangs in the Chapel for all to enjoy.

PHOTOS

- 1 Joan Sarnoff, Alice Todd, Terri Benvenisty, and Leila Attiyeh
- 2 Fadi Attiyeh, MD, Nicholas A. Romas, MD, and Sami A. Hashim, MD
- 3 Frank J. Cracolici and Richard Goldstein
- 4 Reverend Florine Thompson, Richard N. Pierson, MD, and The Very Reverend Dr. James A. Kowalski



William Randolph Hearst Foundation Gives Generous Grant to ED Project

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation continued its extraordinary history of generosity to Roosevelt Hospital with a grant of \$300,000 toward the redesign and expansion of the hospital's Emergency Department (ED), which was completed in the fall of 2009.

"We feel that Roosevelt Hospital is an essential, vital and very significant member of the community in which The Hearst Foundations are also a part," said Mason Granger, Grants Program Director, The Hearst Foundations, noting that the offices of the Foundations are very close to the hospital. "We admire what the hospital does for New York."

Originally built to provide emergent care to 36,000 patients per year, today Roosevelt Hospital's ED serves more than 70,000 patients annually. The hospital launched the significant redesign and expansion project to address this growth in patient visits and to enhance the hospital's primary mission of providing outstanding patient care.

Through its generous grant, the William Randolph Hearst Foundation joins a distinguished roster of more than 200 individuals, foundations and corporations who have contributed to the capital campaign for this project.

"The William Randolph Hearst Foundation gift helped contribute to the completion of our project," said Dan Wiener, MD, Chairman, Emergency Department. "Roosevelt Hospital truly now has a state-of-the-art emergency department."

Highlights of the project include nearly doubling the number and size of treatment areas from 27 to 50 beds in nearly 21,000



The Charge Nurses Desk in the new Emergency Department at Roosevelt Hospital

square feet, which allows the hospital to provide life-saving care to up to 90,000 patients annually.

"We have a concept of care where people are triaged and then brought back into the ED and assigned a patient care team, so that no patient waits in our waiting room," Dr. Wiener said. "We needed new facilities that supported that concept of care. In the previous physical plant, that was very challenging, but with the expanded space, it's very easy to accomplish."

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The space within the ED was reconfigured to provide single-bedded private accommodations, and the hospital also has doubled the capacity for fast-track patients with minor injuries. Other improvements include the establishment of a HAZ-MAT Emergency Response Center, a Cardiac Evaluation and Care Unit, and specialized rooms for victims of sexual assault.

Roosevelt Hospital and The Hearst Foundations share a long history. The Foundations gave their first grant to

Roosevelt in 1949 and have been giving to the hospital consistently since then, which Mr. Granger believes may be the longest relationship the Foundations have had with any nonprofit organization.

Among the major capital projects the Foundations supported were the construction in 1971 of Hearst House, a residence for medical residents and nursing staff; reconstruction of the Emergency Department at Roosevelt Hospital in 1979; creation of a Pediatric Center in 1989;

and construction of an inpatient gynecology floor, the Hearst Center for Women's Health, in 2002.

"The Hearst Foundations clearly feel very strongly about the role of the hospital, and we respect the hospital's vision as it grows and becomes more significant in the future of the city," Mr. Granger said. "Our strong partnership has a long history, and we're proud to continue to support Roosevelt."

Fundraiser for Associate Trustees' Small Grants Program

On February 25, 2010, more than 130 guests at St. Luke's and Roosevelt's Theater Benefit enjoyed a spectacular musical event starring two legendary performers, Dame Edna and Michael Feinstein, in the show *All About Me*, as well as a cocktail reception and dinner at the New York Yacht Club. This year's benefit raised \$85,000 for the Associate Trustees' Small Grants Program, which helps subsidize a variety of special initiatives that require funding beyond the hospitals' budget. Grants are awarded to support activities and projects that reinforce the hospitals' mission of providing compassionate patient care, educating the next generation of physicians, innovative research, and promoting the health of the community.

PHOTOS

- 1** Joan and Arthur Sarnoff with Frank J. Cracolici (center)
- 2** Frank J. Cracolici, Dorothy and Jerome Goldstein, and Kathleen Kearns
- 3** Erica and Kenneth Gottesman MD, Anna-Lena, and Farrokh Shahrivar, MD
- 4** Alice Todd, Age Diedrick, Leila Attiyeh, Terri Benvenisty, and Marcia Aronowitz



Advancements in Critical Care Medicine: Simulation and Training Lab

More than 60 people gathered at Compass Restaurant on January 12, 2010, to listen to a presentation by Hassan Khouli, MD, Director of the Roosevelt Hospital Critical Care Unit. Dr. Khouli spoke to the guests about how Roosevelt's Simulation and Training Laboratory offers young physicians and nurses the practice and experience they need to develop superb skills. The event was hosted by Trustee Lew Pell and his wife, Lynn, and featured a cocktail reception and buffet dinner.

Lynn Pell, Candice Pell, and Hassan Khouli, MD



Donor List Corrections

The following donors should have been included in the 2008 Donor List that ran in the Fall 2009 issue. We apologize for the omissions.

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