

# The Leonard Pool Society

## Newsletter

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The Leonard Pool Society members promote excellence in health care at Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network through a dedicated partnership and annual giving commitment.

Our cornerstones are Fellowship, Philanthropy, Advocacy and Support. We build fellowship by providing our members with educational and social events. We support LVHHN through an annual unrestricted donation of \$1,000 or more per membership, voting at our annual meeting to allocate our dollars as a particular aggregate gift. Our partnership with the Hospital makes us more informed community leaders, aware of important Hospital programs and initiatives so we can serve as Goodwill Ambassadors for the Hospital. We believe that through our own support, we encourage the generosity of others.



## *Message from the President*

**HELLO AND WELCOME** to the Spring edition of our Leonard Pool Society newsletter. It's been a very exciting time for our society. As your new president, I was delighted to welcome 23 board members to our January 2007 Advisory Board meeting. This is the largest group since LPS's inception.

*I look forward to working with such a diverse, talented, experienced group of men and women from our Lehigh Valley community. They represent the finest; coming from corporate, financial, and medical backgrounds all focused on our common goal of bringing exceptional healthcare to our community through our aggregate gifts.*

*I'd also like to extend a special welcome to our new members and encourage you to review the LPS literature and embrace the cornerstones outlined in our mission statement. I look forward to meeting you at one of our social events this year.*

*By the time you receive this newsletter, our Spring Forum will have already taken place on April 28th. I hope you and your families found Dr. Michael Weinstock's presentation on the latest advances in emergency medicine and trauma and the tour of the MedEvac helicopter exciting and informative. There were many educational, fun activities planned for the children as well. I always welcome your feedback on these forums and any of your suggestions for future planning.*

*Please "Save the Date" for our Annual Dinner Meeting on Thursday, June 7th at 6 p.m. at the home of Wendy Body and Greg Butz. LPS members can look forward to a rewarding, relaxed evening with friends as we ask for your vote in helping us choose the 2007 Aggregate Gifts for LVHHN.*

*Please do not hesitate to contact me directly by e-mail at [jpracket40@aol.com](mailto:jpracket40@aol.com) for any questions or concerns.*

*Judy Puchyr*



# 2006 Fall Forum Recap

## "A TIME TO GIVE THANKS"

Leonard Pool Society members in attendance at our fall forum on November 8th, were privileged to hear the very emotional, heartfelt stories of two community members. The Berger family and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kosharek related firsthand how the generosity of LPS members has touched their lives forever.

The significance of two of our aggregate gifts to the community, the Infant Oscillator and the Arctic Sun Temperature Management Unit, was overwhelmingly evident. As these families spoke, along with their LVHHN physicians, LPS members felt a continued sense of pride and commitment to donating equipment and services that ensure many more "happy ending" scenarios for families in the Lehigh Valley.

Mr. Kosharek related how he experienced a full recovery after suffering a heart attack in the Walgreens parking lot last January, 2006. He had slipped into a deep coma upon arriving at the hospital, and his cardiologist remained hopeful as he consulted with Dr. John Castaldo, M.D., Chief, Division of Neurology. Dr. Castaldo recommended using the Arctic Sun Temperature Management Unit to cool Mr. Kosharek's body down in order to slow his metabolism, protect his brain and facilitate healing. This new technology drives cooled water through tubes in pads placed over the patient's chest and abdomen. After the cooling period and over the next two days, he came out of the coma. He gradually began eating and whispering, then speaking. Mitzi, Mr. Kosharek's wife of 50 years, was in the audience as well to express her sincere gratitude for saving her husband's life. Mr. Kosharek has returned full-time to his job as a court crier with Judge Alan Black.

The Berger family presented their heartfelt gratitude through a video clip. Mrs. Berger spoke about their overwhelming joy after learning she was expecting twins, after seven long years of waiting. Unfortunately, her twins were born three months early. Their son



*Robert Kosharek (left, with wife, Mitzi) is back at his job as a court crier thanks to the Arctic Sun Temperature Management Unit that saved his life; Neonatologist Christopher Morabito, M.D., helps premature infants thrive with the Infant Oscillator.*

passed away a few hours after his birth, and their daughter Alyssa would face many months of medical challenges during her three month stay. She was critically ill for most of the 113 days she spent in the NICU. Dr. Christopher Morabito, M.D., Chief, Division of Neonatology, LVHHN, explained how the Infant Oscillator was a dire necessity for this premature little girl. This high frequency ventilator keeps the lungs constantly inflated, but in a more gentle manner than a conventional ventilator.

After many frustrating months of peaks and valleys, the Berger family was finally at home to celebrate their first Christmas Eve together as Alyssa was discharged earlier that day!

LPS members in attendance all agreed that this was indeed, one of the most rewarding forums they had attended!

Both the Arctic Sun Temperature Management Unit and the Infant Oscillator were items purchased through LPS support.



**To acquaint our members with the Board, we will incorporate several biographies into each newsletter.**

### *Pat Mullin*

Born in Brooklyn, Pat grew up in Garden City, Long Island, New York. A registered nurse and the mother of five children, Pat was the co-founder of Camelot for Children in Allentown. A volunteer at Lehigh Valley Hospital and in numerous church and community activities, including the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Pat is married to Ed Mullin, a urologist at Lehigh Valley Hospital. Pat and Ed published their daughter, Teresa's book, *The Stones Applaud*, which is Teresa's story about growing up with cystic fibrosis.

### *Judy Puchyr*

Judy began a two-year term as the Leonard Pool Society president in January 2007. She worked as a licensed social worker for over twenty years helping patients and their families cope with illness and disease. Since retirement, she has been kept busy raising her children and volunteering with numerous community organizations. She served for three years as the tennis chairperson for the Lehigh Valley Hospital Annual Golf and Tennis Classic, and was a member of the Nite Lites Committee. She resides in South Whitehall with her husband Dan and enjoys spending time with their children, Lindsey and Matthew.

### *Robin Rosenau*

Robin graduated from Muhlenberg College and earned a Masters in Anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania. She has enjoyed serving as a volunteer for several non-profit community agencies and has held numerous leadership roles. Having grown up in Allentown, Robin happily returned to the Lehigh Valley nineteen years ago with her husband, Alex, and her children, Benjamin and Danielle. She is the Benefits CheckUp Coordinator for one of four agencies in the Lehigh Valley participating in a federally funded United Way pilot study.

### *Brian Nester, D.O.*

Brian is currently the Senior Vice President for Physician and Hospital Network Development (PHND) at Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network (LVHNN). He remains an active clinician and practices as a board certified Emergency Physician at LVHNN. He received his D.O. and M.S. degrees from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia, PA and his M.B.A. from Columbia University in New York City, NY. Brian is married to Dr. Constantina Pippis-Nester, an Emergency Physician at LVHNN. They reside in Center Valley with their children, Nikki and Michael.

### ***LPS Annual Meeting***

The Leonard Pool Society's Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2007, 6 - 8 :30 p.m. at the home of Wendy Body and Greg Butz. We hope you can join us for an evening of food, friendship and fun, as well as the important task of voting on the distribution of our funds for 2007. If you have special dietary restrictions or need transportation to the event, please call 610-402-9133.

### ***Save the Date***

***46th Annual LVH-Muhlenberg Summer Festival  
August 15-18, 2007***

***12th Annual Nite Lites  
La Dolce Vita at Nite Lites  
Saturday, September 29, 2007***

### **Send Us An E-Mail**

We would love to be able to send future LPS newsletters to you electronically; however we do not have everyone's e-mail address. Would you please take a minute and send an e-mail to christina.schoemaker@lvh.com, and you will be added to our list. Thank you.

# NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

We would like to welcome our newest members to  
The Leonard Pool Society...

Sandra Giangano-Balducci  
Naomi Halperin  
Michael Nagel  
Keith Weinhold

If you know of anyone interested  
in joining LPS, please contact  
Christina Schoemaker, director of  
annual giving at 610-402-9133.

## *Thank You* **For Your Generosity**

Since 1997, members of the Leonard Pool Society have contributed over \$1.3 million to Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network. Following is a list of the various items which have been purchased, and programs which have been funded since its inception.

*2006* • Operating Room Patient  
Tracking System  
(LVH–Cedar Crest) **\$228,000**

*2005* • Medication Bar Code Scanners  
(LVH–Cedar Crest) **\$64,000**

• Emergency Difficult Airway Cart  
(LVH–Muhlenberg) **\$14,000**

• Arctic Sun Temperature  
Management Unit  
(LVHHN) **\$15,000**

• Neonatal Ventilators  
(LVH–Cedar Crest) **\$60,000**

• Infant Oscillator  
(LVH–Cedar Crest) **\$28,000**

• External Fetal Monitor Telemetry Unit  
(LVH–Cedar Crest) **\$6,000**

*2004* • Ultrasound Equipment for  
Breast Health Services  
(LVH–17th and Chew) **\$136,000**

• Operating Microscope for  
Neurosurgery  
(LVH–Muhlenberg) **\$89,000**

*2003* • Laparoscopic Equipment for  
Gall Bladder Surgery  
(LVH–17th and Chew) **\$70,000**

• Endoscopic Discectomy  
Instrumentation  
(LVH–Cedar Crest) **\$37,000**

• Versa Trac Retractor  
(LVH–Muhlenberg) **\$19,000**

• Motorized Fluoroscopy Imaging Table  
(LVH–Muhlenberg) **\$18,000**

*2002* • Orthopedic Neurosurgical Instruments  
(LVH–Cedar Crest) **\$120,000**

• Portable Transport Monitors  
(LVH–Muhlenberg) **\$15,000**

• Fiberoptic Intubation Scope  
(LVH–Muhlenberg) **\$7,500**

*2001* • Stereotactic Radiosurgery System  
(LVH–Cedar Crest) **\$135,000**

*2000* • Urology Equipment and Systems  
(LVHHN) **\$125,000**

*1999* • Pediatric Monitoring Equipment  
(LVH–Cedar Crest) **\$100,000**

*1998* • Mammography Equipment for  
Breast Health Services  
(LVH–17th and Chew and  
LVH–Cedar Crest) **\$50,000**

*1997* • Equipment for Cardiac Surgery  
and Rehabilitation  
(LVH–Cedar Crest) **\$40,000**

\*LPS supports The GlitterBug Program  
with an annual gift of **\$5,000**