

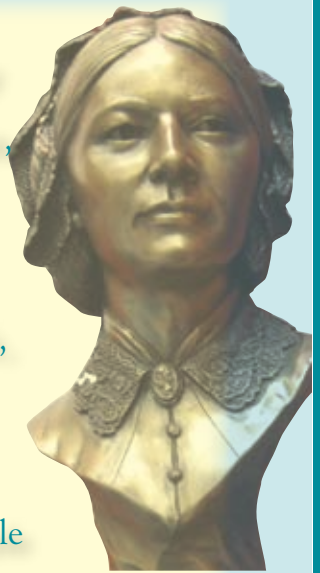
Saluting South Nassau Nurses

During national Nurses' Recognition Week, South Nassau saluted its more than 750 nurses on May 6 in the conference center. The festivities began with a breakfast buffet and a reading from *Florence Nightingale Today: Healing, Leadership, Global Action* (American Nurses Association 2006) titled "the Flame of Florence Nightingale's Legacy." Nightingale is the founder of modern nursing.

After Yvette Mooney, R.N., senior vice president of patient care services, praised the caring hearts of South Nassau's nurses, she symbolically lit reproductions of oil lamps at each table in a tribute to Nightingale.

"... care for the sick with all the skill and understanding I possess, without regard to race, creed, color, politics or social status, sparing no effort to conserve life, to alleviate suffering, and to promote health ..."

-Florence Nightingale



Yvette Mooney, R.N., senior vice president of patient care services, symbolically lights a reproduction of an oil lamp in a tribute to the nursing profession's founder Florence Nightingale.



Ms. Mooney pins Dawn Keiley, assistant director of nursing, during nurses' day ceremonies.



Thomas Locascio, who represented Sen. Dean Skelos of Rockville Centre, presents a citation to Ms. Mooney and Joseph A. Quagliata, president and chief executive.



East Rockaway Mayor Edward Sieban, far right, presents a citation to Ms. Mooney and Mr. Quagliata.

(Nightingale, who lived in the 19th century, acquired the nickname "Lady with the Lamp," because she often carried an oil lamp as she cared for the wounded soldiers of the Crimean War.)

During the lamp lighting ceremony, several staff nurses sang a moving rendition of the Rogers and Hammerstein tune "You'll Never Walk Alone" from the musical *Carousel*. Then nursing leaders read aloud the names of nurses who have served 20 and 25 years or more at South Nassau and presented each with a commemorative pin and corsage. At the conclusion of the ceremony, nurses recited the Florence Nightingale pledge to recommit to the ideals of the profession.

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