

Celebrating 53 Years of Volunteer Service

On April 29 South Nassau recognized its 325 volunteers for their more than 63,000 hours of service during 2008. At the luncheon in South Nassau's Albert Conference Room, Phyllis Citera, director of volunteer services, praised the committed men and women who work hand in hand for the benefit of South Nassau's patients. "...Volunteers and staff work together as a team, each one doing a task that fits into a bigger picture or objective," she said. "...Every day, the volunteers and staff exemplify what caring for our communities and each other is all about. Hand in hand they make it happen."



Volunteer Joan Bauer proudly displays the Five-Star Award, which recognizes a volunteer who demonstrates extraordinary dedication and service to South Nassau Hospital. Since 2005, the former South Nassau employee has volunteered more than 2,400 hours as a courier and for several departments, including the Valley Stream Cancer Center. She poses with staff from the cancer program and tumor registry along with chairman of the board of directors Harold Mahony, back row, far left, and Joseph A. Quagliata, president and chief executive, back row, far right.

Central Council of Auxiliaries Supports Hospital's Annual Fund

On April 27, at the annual Silver Tea, the Central Council of Auxiliaries presented South Nassau's president and chief executive Joseph A. Quagliata with a check for \$165,380 to support the hospital's annual fund.

At the Tea, which recognizes the contributions and services of auxilian volunteers, Mr. Quagliata installed the organization's 2009 slate of officers.

Nearly 100 members from the Baldwin, Bellmore/North Bellmore, Lynbrook/East Rockaway, and Rockville Centre auxiliaries attended the event, which featured a buffet of specialty teas, finger sandwiches and gourmet desserts.

Ethel Simmons presents a check to Mr. Quagliata, far right, and chairman of the board Harold Mahony.



The Central Council of Auxiliaries' officers, standing, from left, Mary Ann Kaiser, treasurer; Eleanor Palmiero, second vice president; Sally Valenti, first vice president; Ethel Simmons, president and member of the board of directors; and Mr. Quagliata. Seated, from left, Elsie Warren-Oliner, assistant treasurer; Herminia Fiertner, recording secretary; and June Holland, historian.

South Nassau Volunteer Named Senior of the County, State

Emergency Department volunteer Joseph Librizzi has received the Senior Citizen of the Year Award from the Nassau County and New York State's departments of Senior Citizen Affairs for his volunteer service to the hospital and community.

Mr. Librizzi has served South Nassau since 1992. After a brief stint as a hospital messenger, he transferred to the



Volunteer Joseph Librizzi and wife, Rose, pose with Assem. Harvey Weisenberg of Long Beach, and Phyllis Citera, director of volunteer services, in the New York State capitol.

Emergency Department, where his listening skills and training in dramatic arts and comedy were put to use.

"The Emergency Department can be a frightening place and I talk to patients and try to put them in a better frame of mind," said the Oceanside resident who has trained more than 50 volunteers to work in the Emergency Department since the late 1990s.



At the Nassau County Department of Senior Citizen Affairs' luncheon, Mr. Librizzi poses with Nassau County Legislator Denise Ford.

When he's not at the hospital, the World War II Navy veteran who served on the Submarine U.S.S. Balao in the Pacific labors to rekindle patriotism in the community.

In a separate ceremony on May 6 at the New York State capitol in Albany, Mr. Librizzi received the Senior Citizen of the Year Award from the state's Department of Senior Citizen Affairs.