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*Remembering*  
**Jay Schochet**

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*Crista F. Durand*

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President, Newport Hospital

One of the joys of my job as president of Newport Hospital is interacting with people who share my commitment to ensuring the highest quality of medical care on Aquidneck Island. Jay Schochet was one of those people and he is greatly missed. In this issue of *Benefactor*, we pay tribute to Jay and all he did for Newport Hospital. He was one of our most dedicated supporters and the epitome of what being a philanthropist truly means. Together with his wife Suzie, Jay helped inspire our donor family in meaningful, lasting ways.

You'll also read about how the new Lifespan Lyme Disease Clinic at Newport Hospital is caring for patients suffering from the effects of tick-borne illnesses and how we are enhancing services to support women's health. Both programs are making an important impact on the health of our entire community.

In these pages we are proud to recognize our 2015 honor roll of donors and introduce members of our dedicated Foundation Board of Trustees. Our gratitude to every person listed within these pages cannot be overstated. Quite simply, we would not be able to accomplish all that we do without you by our side.

As always, thank you for your unwavering support for the hospital we all love. I hope to see you at *Casablanca, A Summer Benefit for Newport Hospital*, on July 7 at Ochre Court.

## High Heels & Hot Wheels

With 125 friends and supporters in attendance, Newport Hospital held a unique fundraiser, *High Heels & Hot Wheels*, at the Audrain Automobile Museum on Bellevue Avenue on April 28. As guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, they browsed the Museum's current exhibit, *Speed Machines*, featuring an array of Porsches, Ferraris, a Bugatti, Bentley, and other impressive race cars and motorcycles.

Proceeds from the sold-out event will support the hospital's Women's Health program, helping to fund the purchase of tomosynthesis mammography equipment—a fundraising effort that began with a lead gift of \$100,000 from BankNewport.

*High Heels & Hot Wheels* also featured guest speaker, Lee DiPietro, author of *Against the Wind: An Ironwoman's Race for Her Family's Survival*. A celebrated endurance athlete, motivational speaker and educator, Lee has won 202 races throughout her career, establishing herself as one of her generation's preeminent endurance athletes. Lee and her husband, Lee, split their time between Newport and Delray Beach, Florida.

Newport Hospital extends its gratitude to Nick Schorsch and the entire staff of the Audrain Automobile Museum for hosting the event, and to the local businesses who donated items for the night's raffle: Michael Hayes Company; J. McLaughlin; Newport Restaurant Group; Jackie Lane, Amber Royal and Lisa Fitzpatrick of Pulse Gym; and Jo's American Bistro.



L-R: Crista Durand, Holly Bannister, MD, and Norey Cullen



## Women's Health *Matters*

**A**s any woman who has had a screening mammogram will tell you, waiting for the results can be a frightening time. Now imagine getting a call back as you're waiting only to hear that you need a diagnostic mammogram because the screening mammogram showed something. It could be a false positive or it could be cancer.

Thankfully though, with digital breast tomosynthesis, sometimes referred to as 3D mammography, physicians at Newport Hospital are getting the latest innovation in women's health and breast imaging. This technology creates clearer and more accurate images, reducing the number of dreaded call backs and improving the detection of cancers. In recent studies, tomosynthesis reduced call backs for diagnostic mammograms by an average of 20 percent.

Theodore J. Kutcher, MD, Chair of Radiology at Newport Hospital explains, "Digital breast tomosynthesis creates individual images or 'slices' of the breast that allow us to look at what is in each slice. It peels back the layers of normal breast tissue so we can go step-by-step through the breast, getting rid of all structures in front or behind that could be hiding cancer. It is especially helpful for women with dense breast tissue and avoids mistaking shadows for disease."

As a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence—one of only four hospitals in the state currently designated by the American College of Radiology—digital tomosynthesis is the kind of state-of-the-art equipment Newport Hospital needs, and the kind of high-quality service the women in the Newport community deserve. It also complements the hospital's deep commitment to women's health, which includes the recently expanded women's health team and renovations to the offices, as well as the highly regarded Noreen Stonor Drexel Birthing Center.

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— Crista Durand, President of Newport Hospital

"Over the past 18 months we have expanded our women's health team, adding two new physicians and a certified nurse midwife as part of an investment in women's health across the hospital," says Crista Durand, President of Newport Hospital. "Women have unique health needs, from adolescence, through pregnancy and childbirth, to menopause and beyond. It's important for us to offer care to women at every stage of life right here on Aquidneck Island."



# Remembering Jay Schochet

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The Newport Hospital community lost one of its most steadfast benefactors when Jay Schochet passed away on March 24, 2016. As a businessman and a philanthropist, Jay—along with his wife, Suzie—had a tremendous influence on the growth and development of Newport Hospital, and Aquidneck Island, over the past three decades.

The Schochets, guests of honor at the 2015 *A Night in Provence* summer gala, were integral to Newport Hospital's Vision 2001 capital campaign. The effects of their continued giving can be seen throughout the hospital including the cardiology room in the emergency department, beautiful nurses' stations on Turner 4 and in the intensive care unit, as well as the purchase of the hospital's first digital mammography equipment.



Their funding was key to jumpstarting the Interventional Radiology campaign, culminating in the opening of the state-of-the-art Schochet Interventional Radiology Suite in 2012. By helping to expand the hospital's interventional radiology capabilities, the

Schochets helped clinicians save lives by diagnosing and treating health problems that could not be addressed in other ways.

For 13 years, the Schochets also graciously opened their home, Ridgemere, to doctors, staff and fellow donors for the hospital's annual President's Reception. Their generosity knows no bounds.

To celebrate Jay's life and his family's many generous contributions to Newport Hospital, we share with you these tributes from those who knew Jay and worked closely with him.

*"Newport Hospital would not be the hospital it is today without the generosity and philanthropy of the Schochets. Jay epitomized everything that philanthropy means as a donor, ambassador, true friend and advocate. He loved the Newport community and had such an affinity for Newport Hospital. He gave selflessly of his time, talent and treasure to help us deliver the highest quality of care for the patients and families we serve. He will be greatly missed."*

— Crista Durand, President of Newport Hospital





***"In my husband's last illness he was taken care of at Newport Hospital, and I can't say enough about the care and compassion the staff showed to all of our family. We were always a team, and when we were honored at last year's gala, I was pleased that Jay was able to participate. I know it meant a lot to him."***

— Suzie Schochet

***"When I met Jay over 30 years ago, he was a relatively young man in his mid-50s, and not as established as he became, but even then philanthropy was central to him. That made a big impact on me personally—an example for me to get involved in philanthropic causes and on boards. Giving to Newport Hospital was always critical to him, to ensure that there be really first-class health care available on Aquidneck Island. As a friend and mentor, he helped so many of us make more of ourselves than we would otherwise have achieved."***

— Richard J. Henken, the Schochets' son-in-law and President of The Schochet Companies



***"Jay and Suzie were two of the most generous donors to the hospital's Vision 2001 campaign. Their contributions to the hospital have been significant, and perhaps their largest contribution was to our interventional radiology effort. Jay also had a huge impact on the redevelopment of the city of Newport since the early 1980s, and***

***Jay's company set the bar for the kind of development that Newport really needed...not large shopping centers, but boutique retail and housing that would make Newport a tourist and second-home destination."***

— Edward B. "Ned" Corcoran, Newport Hospital Governor and former campaign leader

***"I remember once trying to decide whether to go forward with a renovation to the physical plant of the hospital, and Jay told me, 'Arthur, by the time it's obvious that something is worn-out, it's too late.' So he encouraged me to move ahead. He had amazing business acumen and was always supportive. In his later years when he was ill, he increasingly relied on Newport Hospital for his care. Here was a man who could have gone anywhere for care, and he chose Newport Hospital. That shows a lot about his phenomenal commitment to the hospital and the community."***

— Arthur Sampson, President, The Miriam Hospital, and former President, Newport Hospital

***"Jay was a devotee and a great supporter of the sport of court tennis.***

***Along with George Wharton, he established The Schochet Cup, the most prestigious professional court tennis event in the U.S. Through his generosity, Jay helped bring court tennis back to Newport in the early 1980s after the sport had almost disappeared. It's difficult in a volunteer organization to get people to commit to take action and follow through. Jay was par excellence in that regard."***

— Stephen DeVoe, President of Newport Tennis Club

## A Message from the Chair of the Newport Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees



*Peter Capodilupo*

**Peter Capodilupo**  
Chair, Newport Hospital  
Foundation Board of Trustees

**A**s Chair of the Newport Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees, I have the privilege of leading a group of volunteers wholly committed to, not only the present and future success of Newport Hospital, but also to the health and well-being of our neighbors.

This jewel of a hospital is a resource for the community unlike any other; a pillar of strength that has touched nearly all of our lives—including mine and my family's.

The combined efforts of those who serve on the Foundation Board is the epitome of a team working towards a common goal, and that is to secure the support that will ensure our prized hospital will be here for generations to come.

It is for these reasons, and many more, that I am pleased to introduce you to three of our newest members, Edward D. Feldstein, Jonathan H. Pardee and Sharon Wood Prince.

### Meet Edward D. Feldstein

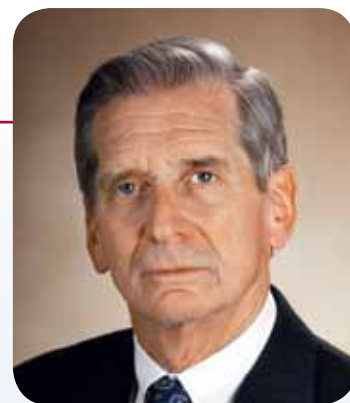
**E**d Feldstein has been a summer resident of Newport for more than three decades, and during that time, he and his family have had ample opportunity to not only avail themselves of Newport Hospital's services, but to witness how integral the hospital is to the entire community.

Currently a member of the Lifespan Board of Directors and former chairman of both The Miriam Hospital Board and Foundation Board of Trustees, Ed volunteered in 2016 to join Newport Hospital's Foundation Board of Trustees. He has been impressed by the growth in critical areas such as cancer and cardiac care, orthopedics and diagnostic imaging, and in his role on the Foundation Board looks forward to further expansion in these and other key critical areas of patient care including emergency services.

"I care deeply about Newport Hospital and offered to serve on its Foundation Board," says Ed, the managing partner of the Providence law firm Roberts, Carroll, Feldstein & Peirce, Inc. "Leadership from Lifespan took me up on my offer and I am delighted they did. It's a terrific hospital."

Ed believes that Newport Hospital is an extraordinary community hospital and it is important for people on Aquidneck Island and beyond to know about the wonderful services it provides. As a member of the Foundation Board of Trustees, he feels this is his opportunity to give back to the hospital that has given so much to the people who rely on it day in and day out.

"Significant investments are being made in the care and programs Lifespan and Newport Hospital provide and I feel it's important that members of the community contribute to that partnership," concludes Ed.



## Meet Jonathan H. Pardee

**A** native Newporter, Jonathan H. Pardee was born at Newport Hospital, as were several other members of his family. As a result of this connection that began decades ago, Jonathan has nothing but the highest respect for our hospital and the lifetime of care it has provided his family and friends.



“A strong community hospital is crucial for Aquidneck Island and we are all fortunate that Newport Hospital is here,” says Jonathan, who is Chairman and President of Bellevue Capital Ventures.

Having been a Newport Hospital Governor since 1997, Jonathan expanded his involvement with our hospital by accepting our invitation to join the Newport Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees this past January.

As a new member of the Foundation Board, Jonathan applauds the talented team of patient-focused professionals and volunteers responsible for the steady stream of accolades bestowed on Newport Hospital, such as being re-designated a Magnet Hospital—prestige that places us among just two percent of hospitals nationwide—and recognitions from both the World Health Organization and *U.S. News & World Report*.

“In Newport Hospital, we have a jewel in the middle of our island and it is incumbent upon all of us to keep it shining and well prepared for the future,” says Jonathan. “It is now our responsibility to ensure that the vision and commitment of the hospital’s founders is bolstered by the philanthropic resources needed to assure that our hospital is ready to care for future generations as well as it has served us.”

## Meet Sharon Wood Prince

**H**aving spent most of her adult life involved with hospitals, it took Sharon Wood Prince a split-second to accept an invitation to join the Newport Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees this past fall. She has been a Newport Hospital Governor since 2009 and is a lifetime member of The Miriam Hospital Women’s Association, to name just a few of her many medical affiliations. Her late husband, Steven D. Baron, served as Chief Operating Officer of Lifespan and Chief Executive Officer of The Miriam Hospital during the late 1980s and 1990s.

“I am passionate about Newport and believe strongly in giving back to the hospital that means so much to my own community,” says Sharon. “Being asked to serve on the Foundation Board is a great source of pride and a responsibility I fully embrace.”

Above all, Sharon sees Newport Hospital as a vital resource that helps keep the community together. And healthy.

When she fell and shattered her arm in January 2015 and needed immediate surgery, Sharon had the opportunity to experience firsthand how a stressful time could also encourage peace of mind when in the hands of skilled, compassionate caregivers. From the Emergency Department to surgery and right through to recovery, “I couldn’t have been treated any better and I know I received the best care possible.”

“Almost everyone who calls Aquidneck Island home will walk through Newport Hospital’s doors at some point in their life,” says Sharon. “I’d love to see more people support it in whatever way they can; it is our hospital and our community, and we all have something to offer.”





# Helping Patients with Chronic Tick-Borne Illness

## Get Their Lives Back on Track

**T**he patients filling its waiting room could never have imagined a bite from a tick the size of a pencil point could wreak such havoc on their life, but nonetheless, here they are. Ranging in age from 20 to 80 and suffering from symptoms as varied as debilitating and chronic pain, memory loss, and vertigo, the patients are waiting at the Lifespan Lyme Disease Clinic at Newport Hospital.

Lyme Disease, and other tick-borne infections, such as babesiosis, anaplasma and the recently identified borrelia miyamotoi, are caused by a bacterium carried by deer ticks. When found early, the disease can often be successfully treated with antibiotics. However, because deer ticks are so tiny, many people don't realize they have been bit, especially if they don't experience the commonly associated "bull's eye" rash around the bite. Symptoms can also mimic a variety of other illnesses. Further complicating matters, the diagnostic testing tool currently available—a blood test—is unreliable because of how long it takes for an immune response to show up. When diagnosis and treatment are delayed, the infection can cause long-term damage throughout the body including in the joints, the heart and the brain. Sadly, the results can be life-altering and in some instances, life-long.

"The burden of Lyme disease in southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island is extreme and the medical profession has been struggling with how to best respond because there hasn't been a lot of research and the diagnostic tests are very tricky," explains Tim Flanigan, MD, Director of the Lifespan Lyme Disease Center.

In 2015, the Lifespan Lyme Disease Center opened at Newport Hospital, helping patients cope with post-

treatment chronic syndromes. The Center is home to a dedicated group of infectious disease physicians, psychologists and physiatrists helping patients with targeted interventions that ease pain and improve function.

"We know that about 10 percent of patients infected with a tick-borne illness will have persistent symptoms such as fatigue, joint pain and headaches beyond the usual three to six month time frame that can be expected post-infection. We also know there isn't a one-size-fits-all treatment," says Dr. Flanigan. "There's still much to learn about the diseases and we are committed to giving our patients the best care possible. Sometimes that includes non-traditional treatments like acupuncture."

Dr. Flanigan stresses that the need for research is crucial to further understand the disease and answer the myriad of questions that plague patients and puzzle physicians. "We're developing clinical research in collaboration with centers around the country and we're evaluating different diagnostic strategies," he explains. "We're working to improve treatment outcomes for patients with post-infectious inflammatory syndromes, and studies are being designed to address those issues as well." Building awareness about tick-borne illness is critical and the Center is also working to provide an online resource to help community physicians become more literate on the subject.

"Science still has advances to make before a cure for chronic tick-borne disease is found. In the meantime, patients in our community now have a place to turn for help—which makes a big difference in their daily lives," says Dr. Flanigan.





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